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Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, center, is seated in the audience before President Donald Trump speaks at the International Association of Chiefs of Police annual conference, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, in Orlando, Fla.

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New mining claims banned on prized land near Yellowstone

EMIGRANT, Mont. (AP) — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke approved a 20-year ban on new mining claims in the towering mountains north of Yellowstone National Park on Monday, after two proposed gold mines raised concerns that an area drawing tourists from the around the globe could be spoiled.

As Zinke signed the mineral ban at an outdoor ceremony in Montana's Paradise Valley, a bank of clouds behind him broke apart to reveal the snow-covered sides of Emigrant Peak. The picturesque, 10,915-foot (3,327-meter) mountain has been at the center of the debate over whether mining should be allowed. The former Montana congressman was joined by local officials, business owners and others who pushed for the ban after companies several years ago began drafting plans for new mines in an area frequented by wolves, elk, bears and other wildlife.

"I'm a pro-mining guy. I love hardrock" mining, Zinke said. "But there are places to mine and places not to mine."

Zinke's order extends a temporary ban imposed in 2016 under former President Barack Obama on new claims for gold, silver and other minerals on 47 square miles (122 square kilometers) of public lands in the Paradise Valley and Gardiner Basin.

Most of the land is within



U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, center, is surrounded by residents, business people and family members as he signs a 20-year mining moratorium on lands in Paradise Valley, Mont. on Monday, Oct. 8, 2018 at Sage Resort in Pray, Mont.

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the Custer Gallatin National Forest, but the underground minerals are overseen by the Interior Department.

The rocky peaks and forested stream valleys covered by the ban are popular with hikers and other recreational users. Wildlife roam back and forth across the Yellowstone border, and the scars of historical mining still are visible on some hillsides.

Mining companies and industry representatives

said the area includes historical mining districts that shouldn't be barred from future development. Mining claims give their holders legal rights to explore for minerals.

Monday's action does not stop mining on private land or take away pre-existing mining claims on public lands. But supporters said it would make a large-scale mine in the area much less likely because public lands would be needed to make such a project economi-

cally feasible.

One company so far has not backed down. John Mears, president of Lucky Minerals, said the company plans to press ahead with exploration work next year on private lands around Emigrant Peak that are inside the area where mining has been banned.

Mears was parked down the road from the site of Monday's event with a large sign propped against his truck that read, "Sec. Zinke ... Why won't you meet with me?"

"It's up to the government to decide if we have valid existing rights but in the meantime we'll carry on," Mears said. "We won't be able to acquire any more ground, but we have enough."

Mining opponents expressed optimism that the

ban would make it impossible for Lucky Minerals or any company to develop mines.

"When you take the public lands out of the equation, it really dampens it," said Bryan Wells, who lives in the small community of Old Chico at the base of Emigrant Peak.

Asked about Lucky Mineral's plans, Zinke he did not see a path forward for the company. He cited in part the extensive environmental reviews that would be needed for such a project. The administration's support for the ban is notable given President Donald Trump's outspoken advocacy for the mining industry and his criticism of government regulations said to stifle economic development.

The proposal has received bipartisan backing in Montana, where Democrats and Republicans alike have been eager to cast themselves as protectors of the natural beauty of the Yellowstone region.

Colin Davis with the Yellowstone Gateway Business Coalition said the group will now focus on making the ban permanent through pending measures in Congress.

"Our eye is still on permanent legislation," said Davis, owner of Chico Hot Springs Resort. "The prize is permanent legislation so we're not doing this again in 20 years."

The House Natural Resources Committee on Sept. 26 approved permanent withdrawal legislation sponsored by Republican U.S. Rep. Greg Gianforte. The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee last week approved identical legislation from Democratic U.S. Sen. Jon Tester that's also backed by Republican U.S. Sen. Steve Daines. □





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Not firing Rosenstein, Trump says; 'very good relationship'

By ERIC TUCKER and JONATHAN LEMIRE

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said Monday he has no plans to fire Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, delivering a reprieve for the Justice Department official whose future has been the source of intense speculation for two weeks.

Trump told reporters at the White House that he had "a very good relationship" with Rosenstein and was eager to speak with him aboard Air Force One on a flight to Florida for the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference. They did talk, for about 45 minutes, but not alone, a White House spokesman said.

The group discussed violent crime in Chicago, support for local law enforcement, border security, the police chiefs' conference they were flying to and "general DOJ business," spokesman Hogan Gidley said without elaboration.

"The press wants to know, 'What did you talk about?'" Trump said later to an audience of police officials. "But we had a very good talk, I will say."

The flight provided an opportunity for their most extensive conversation since news reports last month that Rosenstein had discussed the possibilities in early 2017 of secretly recording Trump to expose chaos in the White House and invoking constitutional provisions to get him removed from office.

Those reports triggered an avalanche of speculation about the future of Rosenstein — and also the special counsel's investigation into possible coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign since the deputy attorney general appointed former FBI Di-

rector Robert Mueller to his post and closely oversees his work.

"I didn't know Rod before, but I've gotten to know him," Trump said at the White House. "I look forward to flying with him. It'll be very nice."

The Justice Department has denied that Rosenstein had proposed invoking the 25th Amendment of the Constitution and issued a statement that said the remark about recording the president was meant sarcastically.

Even so, Rosenstein told White House officials that he was willing to resign and arrived at the White House at one point with the expectation that he would be fired. He met in person with White House chief of staff John Kelly and spoke by phone with Trump during a tumultuous day that ended with him still in his job.

Rosenstein and Trump had been expected to meet at the White House days later, but that meeting was put off so that the president could focus on a confirmation hearing of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. Trump had previously said that he would prefer not to fire the Justice Department's No. 2 official and that Rosenstein has told him he did not say the remarks attributed to him. Advisers had also cautioned Trump against doing anything dramatic in the weeks before the midterm elections next month.

Kelly was present for Monday's conversation between Rosenstein and Trump, the White House said, as was Rosenstein's top deputy at the Justice Department, Ed O'Callaghan. The speculation over Rosenstein's future concerned Democrats, who feared that a dismissal could lead



Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein boards Air Force One in the rain, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, in Orlando, Fla.

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to Trump curtailing Mueller's probe. Although Trump has at times criticized his deputy attorney general, he has reserved his sharpest verbal attacks for Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who recused himself from the Russia investigation in March 2017 because of his own earlier involvement with the Trump campaign.

Both men will likely see their futures re-evaluated after the elections, Trump advisers have said.

Besides the meeting with Trump, Rosenstein has also agreed to a private meeting with House Republicans who want to question him about his reported statements on the president. □

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Ryan says 'big fight' coming over border wall after election

By LISA MASCARO

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Paul Ryan on Monday promised a "big fight" over border wall funding after midterm elections as part of a commitment he made to President Donald Trump.

Ryan said he and others in Congress did not think a funding fight made sense ahead of the midterms. Trump wants three times the \$1.6 billion Congress has tentatively agreed to provide this year for the border wall with Mexico. The president threatened to force a shutdown over the issue, but instead signed legislation funding some parts of the government through Dec. 7.

"What the president wants to do is get a bigger down payment so it can be built faster," Ryan said in a speech at the National Press Club.

"We intend on having a full-fledged discussion about how to complete this mission of securing our border and we will have a big fight about it," Ryan said.

A bill being considered in the Senate allocates \$1.6 billion for Trump's wall, far short of the \$5 billion Trump is seeking.

A bill approved by a House



House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis., speaks to the National Press Club, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, in Washington. Ryan is delivering an upbeat assessment of the GOP's accomplishments as he makes the case for his party in the November election.

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committee includes \$5 billion for physical barriers and associated technology along the U.S. southern border.

Asked if he made a commitment to Trump for a shutdown over wall funds, Ryan said the blame would fall to Democrats, who are in the minority in Congress and largely oppose increased funding for the wall.

"We have a commitment

to go fight for securing the border and getting these policy objectives achieved," Ryan said.

Legislation that Trump signed in September funded more than 70 percent of the government through the fall of 2019. But funding for some agencies was only extended to Dec. 7, including for the Department of Homeland Security, which

would be tasked with build-

ing the wall.

Talk of a partial government shutdown over the divisive immigration issue punctuated an otherwise upbeat talk from Ryan on the GOP's accomplishments as he made the case for his party in the November election.

The speaker pointed to tax cuts, bolstered defense spending and efforts to curtail opioid addiction

and human trafficking as top achievements in the Republican-led House. He called them "big things we have delivered, big promises we have kept."

During a questions-and-answers session, Ryan was asked about Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, who disappeared last week after visiting his country's consulate in Turkey.

"It's very disturbing," Ryan said. "We need to get clear facts from both countries."

Ryan, once a potential presidential contender — and the GOP's 2012 vice presidential nominee — said he's "done with elected politics" for now, at least.

Ryan is retiring rather than seeking re-election in his home state of Wisconsin. Republicans face a difficult election as they try to keep their House majority in Congress, with Democrats energized for the fall.

Ryan warned against electing Democrats, saying the party has gone "further left to the fringes" and only promises "more disorder, more chaos."

The speaker was on the sidelines of the Senate battle over confirming Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, as nominees are only approved by the Senate. □

Hillary and Bill Clinton to go on tour this year



In this Nov. 8, 2016, file photo, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, and her husband former President Bill Clinton, greet supporters after voting in Chappaqua, N.Y.

Associated Press

By MESFIN FEKADU

NEW YORK (AP) — Now that Beyonce and Jay-Z are off the road, another power couple is taking their place:

Hillary and Bill Clinton.

The Clintons announced Monday they will visit four cities in 2018 and nine in 2019 across North America

in a series of conversations dubbed "An Evening with President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton." It is being produced by tour promoter Live Nation, the company behind Michelle Obama's massive tour to promote her new book as well as tours for Beyonce, Taylor Swift and Bruno Mars.

The couple will hold joint conversations at the shows and share "stories and inspiring anecdotes that shaped their historic careers in public service, while also discussing issues of the day and looking toward the future," Live Nation said.

The Clintons remain a favorite target of Republicans and their re-emergence on the political scene weeks

ahead of the midterms could give the GOP fresh fodder and create headaches for Democrats seeking to move on from the 2016 election.

They will kick off the trek Nov. 18 in Las Vegas at 5,200-seat Park Theater. They will visit Toronto's Scotiabank Arena on Nov. 27, Montreal's Bell Centre on Nov. 28 and Smart Financial Center in Sugar Land, Texas, on Dec. 4.

"Attendees will have the opportunity to hear one-of-a-kind conversations with the two leaders as they tell their stories from some of the most impactful moments in modern history. From the American presidency to the halls of the Senate and State Depart-

ment, to one of the United States' most controversial and unpredictable presidential elections, they provide a unique perspective on the past, and remarkable insight into where we go from here," Live Nation said in a statement.

The Clintons' first show next year will be April 11 at the nearly 3,000-seat Beacon Theatre in New York. The tour wraps May 4 at the Forum in Inglewood, California.

The Clintons will also visit Philadelphia's The Met, Detroit's Fox Theatre, DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., and Opera House in Boston.

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Investigation looks into stops of Latinos on LA-area highway

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles County inspector general is investigating whether sheriff's deputies racially profiled drivers when they stopped thousands of innocent Latinos in search of drugs on a major freeway, the Los Angeles Times reported Monday. The investigation began after the newspaper reported that 69 percent of drivers who were stopped between 2012 and 2017 as part of an enforcement operation on Interstate 5 were Latino.

Two-thirds of the Latinos stopped by the Los Angeles County sheriff's Domestic Highway Enforcement Team had their cars searched, a rate far higher than other racial groups, the newspaper reported. County Supervisor Hilda Solis said the report "warrants a deeper investigation" and asked the inspector general and a civilian oversight commission to review the enforcement team,

made up of four white male deputies.

"It's deeply concerning that racial profiling could have been used on Latino drivers," Solis said in a statement.

Officials with the sheriff's department have denied racial profiling and say they stop people based on their driving and other impartial factors.

Sheriff Jim McDonnell said he's proud of the team's work, which includes seizing 3,500 pounds (1,588 kilograms) of drugs and rescuing six victims of human trafficking.

McDonnell said he looks "forward to working closely with the inspector general to examine any issues of concern."

"As someone who has dedicated my career to protecting the civil rights of all people, I am personally concerned about any allegation of racial and ethnic profiling and take very seriously questions about race

and police procedures," he said.

Inspector General Max Huntsman declined to comment on the scope of the review or how long it would take.

Sheriff's officials said the enforcement team was formed in response to a rash of drug overdoses in the Santa Clarita area.

The team's four deputies typically work alone in marked SUVs in an area of Interstate 5 that spans roughly 40 miles (64 kilometers) of freeway from just south of Santa Clarita to the border with Kern County. The freeway, deputies say, is a pipeline for cartels to move drugs up the West Coast and return to Mexico with cash and guns.

Analyzing data from every traffic stop recorded by the enforcement team from 2012 through the end of 2017, the Times found that 69 percent of the 9,000 stops were of Latino drivers. And while two-thirds



In this June 27, 2018, file photo, Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell talks to reporters at the Hall of Justice in Los Angeles. Associated Press

of those drivers had their vehicles searched, cars belonging to all other drivers were searched less than half the time.

The Times reported that deputies found drugs or other illegal items in the vehicles of Latino drivers at a rate that was not significantly higher than that of black or white drivers.

On the same section of freeway, California Highway Patrol officers pulled over nearly 378,000 drivers for traffic violations, and 40 percent were Latino.

Lael Rubin, a member of the Sheriff Civilian Over-

sight Commission and former supervisor in the district attorney's office, said she was "horrified" by the numbers and expects the commission to discuss the issue when it meets next month. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, whose district includes the stretch of freeway patrolled by the sheriff's team, praised the unit's efforts to remove drugs and help victims of human trafficking.

"However, no innocent individuals should be subjected to unreasonable targeting or unconstitutional search and seizure," she said. □

Remains of World War II who died in France returned to Iowa

THOMPSON, Iowa (AP) — The remains of a U.S. soldier who died fighting in World War II have been returned to his native Iowa more than 70 years after he was buried as an unknown at an American military cemetery in France.

Iowa Army National Guard members fired a 21-gun salute on Saturday to honor Army Pvt. Donald Brown,

who was buried at a cemetery in Thompson, the Mason City Globe Gazette reported. Brown joined the Army in 1942 and died two years later when his tank was destroyed by enemy fire near Cambronne, France. He was 24 at the time and his remains couldn't be identified.

Brown's name was recorded alongside other missing

veterans at an American Battle Monuments Commission site in France. His grave was marked unknown in the Normandy American Cemetery for decades, but his remains were dug up last year for research on soldiers missing from combat after his family members submitted DNA for testing. Brown's niece, Joyce Sorensen, received a call a

few months ago saying that her uncle's remains had been identified.

"It was a surprise," she said. Sorensen was among more than 80 people who attended the Saturday ceremony, where American flags lined the cemetery driveway.

"What was emotional for me was seeing the honor, the show of patriotism," she

said. Iowa Army National Guard members gave a folded American flag from Brown's casket to his niece, Alison Conrad.

"I regret that no one from his generation could see this," Conrad said. "It's an amazing important event for our family to experience. What a country we live in that wants to never let a soldier get left behind." □

Florida, Alabama bracing for 'monstrous' Hurricane Michael

By JENNIFER KAY and GARY FINEOUT

Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Residents of Florida's Panhandle frantically filled sandbags, boarded up homes and secured boats in harbors Monday as they anxiously awaited Hurricane Michael, which forecasters warned could smash into the northeast Gulf Coast as a dangerous major hurricane within days.

Fueled by warm tropical waters, fast-strengthening Michael could gain major hurricane status with winds topping 111 mph (179 kph) before its anticipated landfall Wednesday on the Panhandle or Big Bend area of Florida, forecasters have warned.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott called Michael a "monstrous hurricane" with devastating potential from high winds, storm surge and heavy rains.

He declared a state of emergency for 35 Florida counties from the Panhandle to Tampa Bay, activated hundreds of Florida National Guard members and waived tolls to encourage those close to the coast to evacuate inland.

In the small Panhandle city of Apalachicola, Mayor Van Johnson Sr. said the 2,300 residents are frantically preparing for a major strike.

"We're looking at a significant storm with significant impact, possibly greater than I've seen in my 59 years of life," he said of the city, which sits on the shore of Apalachicola Bay, an



Capt. Steve Haeusler, left, and Wyatt Ferreira take down the sign for Haeusler's charter fishing boat "First Light" on Monday, Oct. 8, 2018. Boat captains in this fishing community were relocating their vessels to safer locations in advance of Hurricane Michael.

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inlet to the Gulf of Mexico famed for producing about 90 percent of Florida's oysters.

By Monday evening, lines had formed at gas stations and grocery stores as people sought emergency supplies even as the anticipated evacuations would be intensifying in coming hours. Mandatory evacuation orders were issued for residents of barrier islands, mobile homes and low-

lying coastal areas in Gulf, Wakulla and Bay counties. In a Facebook post Monday, the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office said no shelters would be open because Wakulla County shelters were rated safe only for hurricanes with top sustained winds below 111 mph (178 kph). With Michael's winds projected to be even stronger than that, Wakulla County residents were urged to evacuate inland.

"This storm has the potential to be a historic storm, please take heed," the sheriff's office said in the post.

High winds weren't the only danger. Parts of Florida's curvy Big Bend could see up to 12 feet (3.7 meters) of storm surge, while Michael also could dump up to a foot (30 centimeters) of rain over some Panhandle communities as it moves inland, forecasters said.

By 5 p.m. Monday, Michael's top sustained winds were around 80 mph (129

kph) as it headed north at 9 mph (14.5 kph). The storm was centered about 30 miles (48 kilometers) off the western tip of Cuba, and about 520 miles (837 kilometers) south of Apalachicola. Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 35 miles (56 kilometers) from the core and tropical-storm-force winds out up to 175 miles (282 kilometers). Michael was lashing western Cuba on Monday with heavy rains and strong winds. Forecasters warned that the storm could produce up to a foot (30 centimeters) of rain in western Cuba, potentially triggering flash floods and mudslides in mountainous areas.

Since the storm will spend two to three days over the Gulf of Mexico, which has warm water and favorable atmospheric conditions, "there is a real possibility that Michael will strengthen to a major hurricane before landfall," Robbie Berg, a hurricane specialist at the Miami-based storm fore-

casting hub, wrote in an advisory.

A large mound of sand in Tallahassee was whittled down to a small pile within hours Monday as residents filled sandbags to prepare for potential flooding. A couple breweries in the city offered free filtered water to anyone bringing in growlers, jugs or other containers.

Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, Florida's Democratic nominee for governor, had planned to campaign in South Florida on Monday and Tuesday, but instead threw himself into helping his city's residents fill sandbags and get their storm preparations completed.

"Today it is about life and safety," Gillum said. "There's nothing between us and this storm but warm water and I think that's what terrifies us about the potential impacts."

Tallahassee City Commissioner Gil Ziffer warned that if the storm hits Florida's capital, there would be significant tree damage and power outages. "Hopefully we will have no one hurt and no loss of life," Ziffer added.

Two years ago, Hurricane Hermine knocked out power for days in Tallahassee and caused widespread flooding as it came up through the Gulf Coast. Ann Beaver was among the three-quarters of city residents who lost power after that storm. She was preparing Monday for a similar experience.

"I don't want to lose everything in the freezer, but it is what is," said Beaver as she loaded sandbags into her family's pickup truck.

Farther west along Florida's Panhandle, the city of Pensacola tweeted to residents, "Be sure you have your emergency plan in place."

In neighboring Alabama, Gov. Kay Ivey signed an emergency declaration for her entire state Monday in anticipation of widespread power outages, wind damage and heavy rain from the storm getting set to cross the eastern Gulf of Mexico in coming hours. □

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Governor: Limo that crashed shouldn't have been on the road

By MICHAEL HILL and SABRINA CASERTA
Associated Press

SCHOHARIE, N.Y. (AP) — The supersized limousine that crashed and killed 20 people outside a country store failed a safety inspection last month and shouldn't have been on the road, and the driver wasn't properly licensed, New York's governor said Monday.

The state moved to shut down the owner, Prestige Limousine, as state and federal authorities investigated the cause of Saturday's wreck in Schoharie. The crash about 170 miles north of New York City came three years after another deadly stretch-limo wreck in New York state spurred calls for Gov. Andrew Cuomo to examine such vehicles' safety. It was not clear whether the state took any steps to do so.

As victims' relatives tried to come to grips with the tragedy that happened as a group of friends and family were on their way to a 30th birthday celebration, authorities had yet to say how fast the limo was going, whether its occupants wore seat belts or what caused the vehicle to run a stop sign.

Investigators were conducting autopsies, including on the driver, to see if drugs or alcohol were factors, and the National Transportation Safety Board was also looking into whether the limo had any mechanical problems.

But officials already saw some red flags, Cuomo said: The driver didn't have

the necessary commercial license, the limo had been cut apart and lengthened in a way Cuomo said violated federal law, and the vehicle failed a state inspection that examined such things as the chassis, suspension and brakes.

"In my opinion, the owner of this company had no business putting a failed vehicle on the road," the governor said while attending a Columbus Day Parade in New York City. "Prestige has a lot of questions to answer."

A call to Prestige Limousine's office in Gansevoort went unanswered. Federal records show the company has undergone five inspections in the past two years and had four vehicles pulled from service.

The limousine, built from a 2001 Ford Excursion, ran a stop sign at an T-shaped intersection at the bottom of a hill and slammed into an unoccupied SUV at the Apple Barrel Country Store and Cafe, a popular stop for autumn leaf-peepers. The wreck killed two pedestrians and all 18 people in the limousine, including four sisters who were headed with friends and relatives to a brewery for a party for one of the sisters. The four sisters' aunt, Barbara Douglas, said they had felt "they did the responsible thing getting a limo so they wouldn't have to drive anywhere."

"My heart is sunken. It's in a place where I've never felt this type of pain before," said Karina Halse, who lost her 26-year-old sister Amanda.



Schoharie County Sheriff Ronald Stevens, left, New York State Sen. James Seward, center, and Rep. John Faso, right, speak to reporters at the scene of Saturday's fatal limousine crash in Schoharie, N.Y., Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

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A vigil was planned Monday night in Amsterdam, where some victims lived. The crash appeared to be the deadliest land-vehicle accident in the U.S. since a bus full of Texas nursing home patients fleeing 2005's Hurricane Rita caught fire, killing 23. Saturday's wreck was the nation's deadliest transportation accident of any kind since a 2009 plane crash near Buffalo, New York, killed 50 people.

Limousines built in factories are required to meet stringent safety regulations. But luxury cars that have been converted to limos like the one in Saturday's crash often lack certain safety components, such as side-impact air bags, reinforced rollover protection bars

and accessible emergency exits.

There are few federal regulations governing limos that have been modified after leaving the factory. Regulations often vary by state and even local governments.

"It certainly is the Wild West out there when it comes to limousines and stretch vehicles," said National Safety Council CEO Deborah A.P. Hersman, who would like to see uniform state limousine regulations across the nation.

Ford said it has never made its own stretch version of the Excursion SUV. The automaker has a program that certifies companies that modify vehicles to Ford specifications, but it was unclear whether the limo

in Saturday's crash was altered by one of those companies.

There were 12 wrecks — and a dozen crash deaths — involving large limos from 2012 to 2016, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. That compares with over 157,000 crashes and over 171,000 deaths involving all types of vehicles during that period.

But some big-limo wrecks caught the public's attention and prompted pleas for more oversight.

Five women out for a bachelorette party were killed in 2013 when their stretch limo caught fire in Northern California because of friction between the drive shaft and the rear floorboard. □

Russia dismisses suspected spy actions as routine Dutch trip

By **VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV**
MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's

foreign minister on Monday dismissed accusations made in the Netherlands against suspected Russian spies, saying they were intended to distract public attention from stark divisions between Western nations.

Sergey Lavrov's comments were a defiant statement that comes amid soaring Russia-West tensions.

Last week, Dutch officials alleged that four agents of Russian GRU military intelligence tried and failed to hack into the world's chemical weapons watchdog, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

British authorities also accused the GRU of a series of global cybercrimes, and the U.S. Justice Department on Thursday charged seven GRU officers with hacking anti-doping agencies and other organizations.

Commenting on the Dutch allegations, Lavrov insisted that the four Russians were on a "routine" trip to The Hague in April when they were arrested and deported by Dutch authorities.

"There was nothing secret in the Russian specialists' trip to the Hague in April,"



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, and Italian Foreign Minister Enzo Moavero Milanesi shake hands during their meeting in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

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Lavrov said at a briefing after talks with Italian counterpart Enzo Moavero Milanesi. "They weren't hiding from anyone when they arrived at the airport, settled in a hotel and visited our embassy. They were detained without any explanations, denied a chance to contact our embassy in the Netherlands and then asked to leave. It all looked like a misunderstanding."

Dutch defense officials on Thursday released photos

and a timeline of the GRU agents' botched attempt to break into the chemical weapons watchdog using Wi-Fi hacking equipment hidden in a car parked outside a nearby Marriott Hotel.

The OPCW was investigating a nerve agent attack on a former GRU spy, Sergei Skripal, and his daughter in Salisbury, England; Britain has blamed on the Russian government. Moscow vehemently denies involve-

ment.

Photographs released by the Dutch Ministry of Defense showed a trunk loaded with a computer, battery, a bulky white transformer and a hidden antenna. Officials said the equipment was operational when Dutch counterintelligence interrupted the operation.

Lavrov in his remarks didn't talk about the evidence provided by Dutch authorities, but President Vladimir

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, challenged the Netherlands to provide specific information via official channels.

Asked if the Kremlin was considering reshuffling the leadership of the Defense Ministry and the GRU following the Dutch accusations, Peskov said "that kind of information naturally can't be the basis for it."

Lavrov criticized Dutch officials for using what he called "loudspeaker diplomacy" instead of using legal mechanisms to look into the issue. He said Moscow summoned the Dutch ambassador Monday to deliver the message.

Speaking to the media outside the Russian Foreign Ministry building, Dutch Ambassador Renee Jones-Bos said, "We can't tolerate cyberattacks on international organizations," noting that Dutch officials made that clear last week.

"We made a very clear signal that this has to stop" Jones-Bos added. The Foreign Ministry said the Dutch ambassador was told Russia views the assertions in the Netherlands a "provocation" and part of a "propaganda campaign" that has caused "irreparable damage" to bilateral ties. □

Migrants seeking winter shelter overwhelm northern Greece

By **COSTAS KANTOURIS**

Associated Press

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP) —

Several hundred asylum-seekers camped outside a police station Monday in northern Greece, lining up to be arrested and formally processed as a surge in illegal migration overwhelmed authorities in the region.

After sleeping on benches and patches of grass in a central square in Thessaloniki, Greece's second-largest city, the migrants formed a line outside the police station, seeking a place at a migrant camp before the winter. Karzan Hassan, a 22-year-old Iraqi Kurd, crossed into Greece last week and has slept outside the police station for the



Kurdish migrants wait outside a police station in Aristotelous Square at the northern Greek city of Thessaloniki, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

Associated Press

last two nights. He says he's hoping to reach Britain with his two brothers after abandoning a plan to travel to Italy. "We don't want to stay in Greece. We want to get

our papers, so that we can stay somewhere to clean up and rest," he told the Associated Press.

Hassan said he paid a smuggler in Istanbul \$2,500

for the trip to Greece.

Authorities later Monday moved the migrants in police buses to a nearby refugee camp, but it was unclear whether there was sufficient space at the overcrowded site to give them shelter. The migrants organized a cleanup of the square before boarding the buses.

"The number of arrivals is high in Thessaloniki and that's created a bottleneck," Nikos Ragos, the Migration Ministry's regional coordinator for northern Greece, told the AP. "So we are supporting the police until (migrants) can be documented."

Greece is struggling to cope with a high number of asylum-seekers due to

other European Union nations' resistance to settling refugees and ongoing migrant arrivals from neighboring Turkey.

Police said 35 smuggling suspects were arrested last month in Thessaloniki, accused of transporting 1,821 migrants to the city — a 60 percent increase from the previous month.

Last week, Amnesty International Secretary-General Kumi Naidoo visited an overcrowded migrant camp on the Greek island of Lesbos that has been heavily criticized by rights groups. He described conditions there as "appalling" and called for an emergency winter evacuation of migrants to the Greek mainland. □

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Bulgarian journalist killed after reporting on corruption

By ALISON MUTLER

Associated Press

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)

— Bulgarian police are investigating the rape and slaying of a female television reporter whose body was dumped near the Danube River after she reported on the possible misuse of European Union funds in Bulgaria.

Authorities discovered the body of 30-year-old Viktoria Marinova on Saturday in the northern town of Ruse near the Romanian border. Police said she had been raped, beaten and strangled and her body was found in a park near the river.

Marinova was a director of TVN, a small TV station in Ruse, and a TV presenter for two investigative programs. Journalists' groups and foreign officials expressed shock. Harlem Desir, the media freedom representative for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, demanded a "full and thorough investigation" of Marinova's slaying.

A Bulgarian investigative online media site went further, calling for an independent international inquiry and saying corruption could compromise an investigation by Bulgarian law enforcement.

Bulgarian Interior Minister



A woman holds a candle next to a portrait of slain television reporter Viktoria Marinova during a vigil at the Liberty Monument in Ruse, Bulgaria, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

Associated Press

Mladen Marinov insisted Monday there was no evidence to suggest the killing was linked to Marinova's work.

"It is about rape and murder," he said.

Chief Public Prosecutor Sotir Tsatsarov, on a trip to Ruse, said authorities had no new leads on a motive.

"At this stage, let's be careful, not because we don't have anything to say, but because every word uttered loosely could damage our work," he said.

Bulgarian police said they were considering all possible scenarios and examining both Marinova's personal and professional lives for leads.

Hundreds of Bulgarians turned out Monday night for vigils to honor Marinova. In Ruse, mourners, some tearful, placed candles, her portrait and roses—the national flower—at the foot of a monument.

In the Bulgarian capital of Sofia, mourners gathered outside a church. One participant, Kristina Petkov, said Bulgarians now had "zero" trust in authorities.

"Whatever results the investigation (into Marinova's death) shows, people won't believe them," she said.

Corruption is endemic in Bulgaria, a Balkan nation that joined the EU in 2007 and was ranked 71st on Transparency International-

al's corruption list last year. Joining the bloc opened an enormous spigot of possible new EU funding for Bulgarian infrastructure projects or other programs designed to bring the nation up to EU standards — funds that were very attractive to both government officials and criminal networks. Marinova's final show on Sept. 30 was a program about Attila Biro, an investigative journalist with the Rise Project Romania, and Dimitar Stoyanov from the Bulgarian investigative site Bivol.bg. The two men were briefly detained Sept. 13 south of Sofia as they investigated a tip that documents connected to

suspected fraud involving EU funds were being destroyed.

Bivol.bg owner Assen Yordanov said he couldn't directly link Marinova's slaying to her work, but noted her show tackled "our very sensitive investigation into the misuse of EU funds."

"This is a topic on which no other Bulgarian national media dared to report on," he told The Associated Press. "To get to the truth, we are calling for an independent investigation.... we want independent European investigators to get involved because we believe the Bulgarian authorities are part of this country's criminal network."

Yordanov said his journalists were getting threats to their safety for reporting on government corruption.

Margaritis Schinas, spokesman for European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, said Monday the commission expected "a swift and thorough investigation that will bring those responsible to justice and clarify whether this attack was linked to her work."

He quoted Juncker as saying previously that "too many" journalists are being intimidated, attacked or murdered and "there is no democracy without a free press." □

Pakistan delays ruling on blasphemy death sentence case

By KATHY GANNON

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan's Supreme Court postponed its ruling Monday on the final appeal of a Christian woman who has been on death row since 2010 after being convicted of blasphemy against Islam. The judicial panel listened to Asia Bibi's defense lawyer challenge statements by those who accused her of insulting Islam's prophet, an allegation punishable by death that can incite riots in conservative Pakistan.

The three-judge panel, headed by Pakistan's Chief Justice Mian Saqib Nisar, did not say why they reserved their judgment or when they would announce their decision. It ordered everyone present to refrain from commenting on the case, in an apparent attempt to avoid inflaming public opinion.

The charge against Bibi dates back to a hot day in 2009 when she went to get water for her and her fellow farmworkers. Two Muslim women refused to take a drink from a container used by a Christian. A few days later, a mob accused her of blasphemy. She was convicted and sentenced to death.

Bibi's lawyer, Saiful Malook, argued that the many contradictions in witnesses' statements tainted the evidence. The two Muslim women who leveled the charges against Bibi denied they were quarrelling with her, saying her outbursts against Islam were unprovoked. Yet several independent witnesses who gave statements recounted a cantankerous exchange between the women.

The prosecution's case centered mostly on religious texts that vilify those who make blasphemous statements.

Ahead of the hearing, Malook expressed optimism that he would win the last legal appeal for Bibi. But if not, he planned to seek a review, which could take years to complete.

"I am a 100 percent sure she



Saiful Malook, left, defense lawyer for Asia Bibi, a Pakistani Christian woman convicted of blasphemy, leaves the Supreme court with a bodyguard in Islamabad, Pakistan, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

will be acquitted," Malook told The Associated Press in a telephone interview on the eve of the hearing. "She has a very good case."

He refused to comment at the end of Monday's hearing, citing the judges' orders.

Bibi's case has generated international outrage, but within Pakistan it has fired up radical Islamists, who use the blasphemy law to rally supporters and intimidate mainstream political parties.

Even defending Bibi in court is dangerous.

"I have lost my health. I am a high blood pressure patient, my privacy is totally lost. You have to be in hiding," her lawyer said ahead of the hearing. Everyone on his tree-lined street knows

his identity, he said. "They look at this house and they know this is the home of a person who can be killed at any time by angry mullahs."

Police provide round-the-clock security around Malook's home, in the city of Lahore.

Members of Pakistan's religious minorities have campaigned against the law, which they say is invoked to justify attacks on them. For them, Bibi's case is seen as a watershed. Her husband recently traveled to the Vatican to meet Pope Francis.

Joseph Francis, an activist for Pakistan's Christians, said he currently is aiding 120 Christians facing blasphemy charges. His organization, Center for Legal Aid

Assistance and Settlement, provides legal aid as well as finding a safe haven for Christians who are targeted even after being cleared of blasphemy allegations.

"This law is misused and it is not only misused against Christians but also against Muslims," he said.

France, Spain and Germany have all offered to welcome Bibi should she be acquitted, said Francis, who said he will help secret her out of the country.

But Khadim Hussein Rizvi, the leader of a radical Islamist party, warned after the postponement that "no blasphemer will be able to escape punishment."

In 2011, Salman Taseer, the governor of Punjab province, was shot and killed by one of his elite guards

for defending Bibi and criticizing misuse of the blasphemy law. Malook prosecuted his killer, Mumtaz Qadri, who was hanged for his crime.

Qadri has since become a martyr to millions, who make a pilgrimage to a shrine erected in his name by his family outside the capital, Islamabad. His supporters have called for the immediate killing of anyone accused of blasphemy.

Pakistan's newly elected government is led by Prime Minister Imran Khan, a former cricket star who has embraced religious conservatism and bowed to some of the demands of radical Islamists. Last month, a member of his government offered prayers at Qadri's shrine, drawing outrage from rights activists.

An unprecedented number of religious parties participated in the July elections that put Khan in power. As in previous elections, they garnered less than 10 percent of the popular vote, but they have allies among all the major parties. According to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, 71 countries have blasphemy laws — around a quarter of them are in the Middle East and North Africa and around a fifth are European countries, though enforcement and punishment varies. Pakistan is one of the most ferocious enforcers.

At least 1,472 people were charged under Pakistan's blasphemy laws between 1987 and 2016, according to statistics collected by the Center for Social Justice, a Lahore-based group. Of those, 730 were Muslims, 501 were Ahmadis — a sect reviled by mainstream Muslims as heretical — while 205 were Christians and 26 were Hindus. The center said it didn't know the religion of the final 10 because they were killed by vigilantes before they could get their day in court. While Pakistan's law carries the death penalty for blasphemy and offenders have been sentenced to death, so far no one has ever been executed. □

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China says detained former Interpol chief accused of bribery

By GILLIAN WONG

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese authorities scrambled to contain a public relations mess over the disappearance of the former Interpol president during his trip home to China, saying Monday that he was being lawfully investigated for bribery and other crimes.

But the government's announcement did little to address concerns raised about the risks of appointing Chinese officials to leadership posts in international organizations. On Monday, the acting Interpol president told The Associated Press the agency had not been informed in advance of the Chinese probe into Meng Hongwei, who is also China's vice minister of public security. On Sunday, Meng's wife made a bold public appeal from France to the international community to help locate her husband. The appeal — especially unusual for senior Chinese officials — cast an unwelcome light on extralegal detentions that have increasingly ensnared dissidents and allegedly corrupt or disloyal officials alike under President Xi Jinping's authoritarian administration.

In a sign of the urgent and possibly unplanned nature of the investigation, the Ministry of Public Security said in an announcement that top ministry officials met in the early hours of Monday to discuss Meng's case. The announcement said Meng was being investigated for accepting bribes and other crimes that were a result of his "willfulness."



In this July 4, 2017, file photo, Interpol President Meng Hongwei delivers his opening address at the Interpol World congress, in Singapore.

Associated Press

"We should deeply recognize the serious damage that Meng Hongwei's bribetaking and suspected violations of the law have caused the party and the cause of public security and deeply learn from this lesson," said the announcement about the meeting, chaired by Minister Zhao Lezhi.

Meng is the latest high-ranking official to fall victim to a sweeping crackdown by the ruling Communist Party on graft and perceived disloyalty. Most officials investigated by anti-graft authorities are quietly spirited away for questioning, cut off from contact from their families and not allowed access to lawyers, sometimes for months.

But that wasn't how it

played out with Meng, 64, whose unexplained disappearance while on a trip home to China late last month prompted the French police to launch an investigation. The French government and Interpol also made their concerns known publicly in recent days.

By late Sunday night, China issued a terse announcement that Meng was in the custody of party investigators, and shortly after, Interpol said Meng had resigned as the international police agency's president. Meng could not be reached for comment.

The revelation that Chinese authorities would be bold enough to forcibly make even a senior public security official with international

stature disappear has cast a shadow over the image Beijing has sought to cultivate as a modern country with the rule of law.

Willy Lam, a Chinese politics expert at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, said Meng's case shows how Chinese officials, no matter where they are, have to obey the Communist Party first and foremost. "This puts China's internal political struggle over and above the international norms on the rule of law," Lam said. Rights groups had criticized Meng's appointment as head of Interpol in 2016. They pointed to the lack of transparency in China's legal system and the potential that the position would be misused to attack Beijing's political opponents —

by using the police group's red notices to pursue political or economic fugitives, for instance.

"By putting him in the position of Interpol chief, China hoped to show its determination to govern by law," said Zhang Lifan, an independent Chinese political analyst. "But now the spokesman is in trouble and it has definitely dealt a blow to China's image."

Zhang said the haphazard way the case unfolded suggested that officials were acting as if in some state of emergency. "China proceeded to do this in an unconventional manner without caring about its image. It is rather an insult to Interpol," he said.

The acting president of Interpol, Kim Jong Yang, said it had not been told about the investigation of its chief. "I find it regrettable that the top leader of the organization had to go out this way and that we weren't specifically notified of what was happening in advance," Kim said in a phone interview.

"We still don't have sufficient information about what's happening (with Meng) or whether it has anything to do with Chinese domestic politics," he added.

Monday's statement on the ministry of public security's website provided no details about the bribes Meng allegedly took or other crimes he is accused of, but suggested that he was also in trouble for political lapses. Officials at the meeting were told that they "must always maintain the political quality of being absolutely loyal to the party," the statement said. □



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Brazil on the cusp of sharp move right with Bolsonaro

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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

Brazilians appear on the cusp of handing the presidency to a brash former army captain who has reminisced fondly about dictatorship, pledged to jail corrupt politicians and promised an all-out war on the drugs and crime that plague South America's largest nation.

Far-right congressman Jair Bolsonaro just missed outright victory in Sunday's vote, and will face former Sao Paulo Mayor Fernando Haddad of the leftist Workers' Party in an Oct. 28 runoff. Bolsonaro only needs a few more points to secure victory, but Haddad's supporters vowed Monday to launch a tough fight to make up ground after he finished a distant second in the first round.

The election was a seismic shift for this nation of more than 200 million people, where the left has won the past four elections but deep divisions have opened in the wake of a massive corruption scandal and the impeachment of a president. Brazil's move fits into a global trend among voters — in the United States and Europe, among other places — who are choosing anti-establishment and often far-right populist candidates who target minorities and promise a return to "traditional values."

Brazil's direction both economically and politically will have a major impact on surrounding countries that are trade partners with the regional heavyweight.



A woman sells T-shirts and flags with the image of presidential frontrunner Jair Bolsonaro of the Social Liberal Party, in front of the headquarters of the national congress, in Brasilia, Brazil, Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018.

Associated Press

It will especially have influence on one of the thorniest issues in the region, Venezuela's economic and social collapse. Bolsonaro has promised a harder line on Venezuela, which millions have fled in recent years. Bolsonaro's Social and Liberal Party was a tiny, fringe group, but the candidate began surging in the polls earlier this year through his use of social media and carefully orchestrated rallies. Bolsonaro has often praised Donald Trump, and his campaign took many pages from the U.S. president's playbook, from bashing the mainstream media and political class to using the candidate's adult children as proxies.

Bolsonaro's party took a whopping 52 seats in the lower house of Congress — up from just one in the

last election — giving it 10 percent of that house and making it the second-largest party after the Workers' Party, with 56.

Brian Winter, the editor-in-chief of Americas Quarterly magazine, said the results underscored "the total disappearance of the Brazilian center" and that Bolsonaro seemed almost certain to glide to victory.

Haddad may yet gain the backing of other candidates in the race, but that might just feed Bolsonaro's criticism that traditional politicians are only interested in protecting their own. The Workers' Party took to Twitter on Monday with a rallying cry to all those who believe in democracy and vowed to unify the country. But the leftist candidate will struggle to build a broad coalition in such a polar-

ized race.

"If you don't speak to people's anger, you're not going to get any votes," Winter said.

Brazilians have a lot to be angry about. Since 2014, they've watched slack-jawed as prosecutors detailed how many in government manipulated public contracts and promised favors in exchange for billions of dollars in kickbacks and bribes. Much of that focused on the Workers' Party, and many voters cited a desire to root out corruption in their choice of Bolsonaro.

Jana Tessarolo Clemente, a 46-year-old veterinarian from Sao Paulo said she voted for the former army captain "because we're against the Workers' Party more than for Bolsonaro." "Anyone who lives in Brazil

knows that life got worse under the Workers' Party, especially for the middle class," she said.

Brazil has also just emerged from a protracted recession, unemployment is high and crime is rising.

Bolsonaro, whose campaign was called "Brazil above all, God above everyone," has pushed a nostalgic narrative that he can bring back better times. Part of that includes likely attempts to roll back the rights of gays and other minorities, and a hard line on issues like equal pay for women. Bolsonaro has said he would rather have a dead son than a gay one and told a fellow lawmaker in Congress that she was "too ugly" to be raped.

To fight the country's rampant crime, he has promised to give police a free hand to shoot first and ask questions later, arguing that criminals will be the ones who are scared in his administration. He has vowed to loosen gun laws to allow more people to arm themselves. He has proposed mass privatizations of state companies, a smaller government that spends less and a more open economy.

His promises to give police freer rein, his criticism of the social movements and reforms that have attempted to make Brazil more inclusive and equal, and his frequent praise for Brazil's 1964-1985 military dictatorship have raised concerns that a Bolsonaro government will erode democratic values and rule with an authoritarian hand. □

LOCAL

Colorful Streets in Diverse San Nicolas

By Linda Reijnders

SAN NICOLAS — Sunrise City is the nickname of San Nicolas, but we could call it the City of Diversity as well. There's diversity in its people as it is a multicultural society and diversity in looks also. The colorful murals, the mix of architecture & art and the cultural vibes were united last weekend in the Aruba Art Fair. Aruba Today was present and absorbed both the creativity and the culinary.

Collectors, arts professionals, and the public were engaged with a selection of modern and contemporary artworks at affordable prices. With more than 20,000 visitors in the last 2 years, 8 projects and 33 murals done by artists from different corners the world. The Aruba Art Fair is a unique experience in the Caribbean.

Eyes get filled by the colors of the murals and works that crossed your path

while walking the promenade of San Nicolas. For the rumbling stomach there was Divi Fusion Popup Restaurant, for the occasion housed in an open air monumental ruin. Sushi, Criollo and other meals were offered by several vendors; nevertheless it was said that the choice was too limited. The former customs building transformed into an art exposition center for Ateliers '89 and the recently renovated National Library was an expo location. Creative center, Cosecha, opened its doors to show what they offer and the street were filled with artisans that sold their handmade goods.

Music in the streets and bars on the side added to the ambience. At the end of the street in front of the Nicolaas Store the touch of the Caribbean was evident when typical 'soca music' was played stimulating many locals and tourists to shake their hips. San Nicolas has that real Caribbean spirit and during this Aruba



Art Fair that was combined with the creativity of art, an inspirational combination.

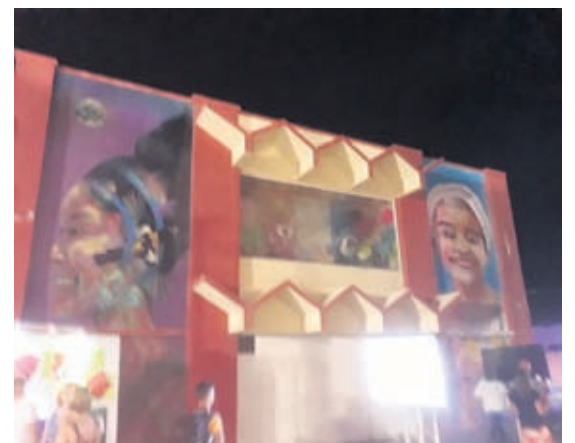
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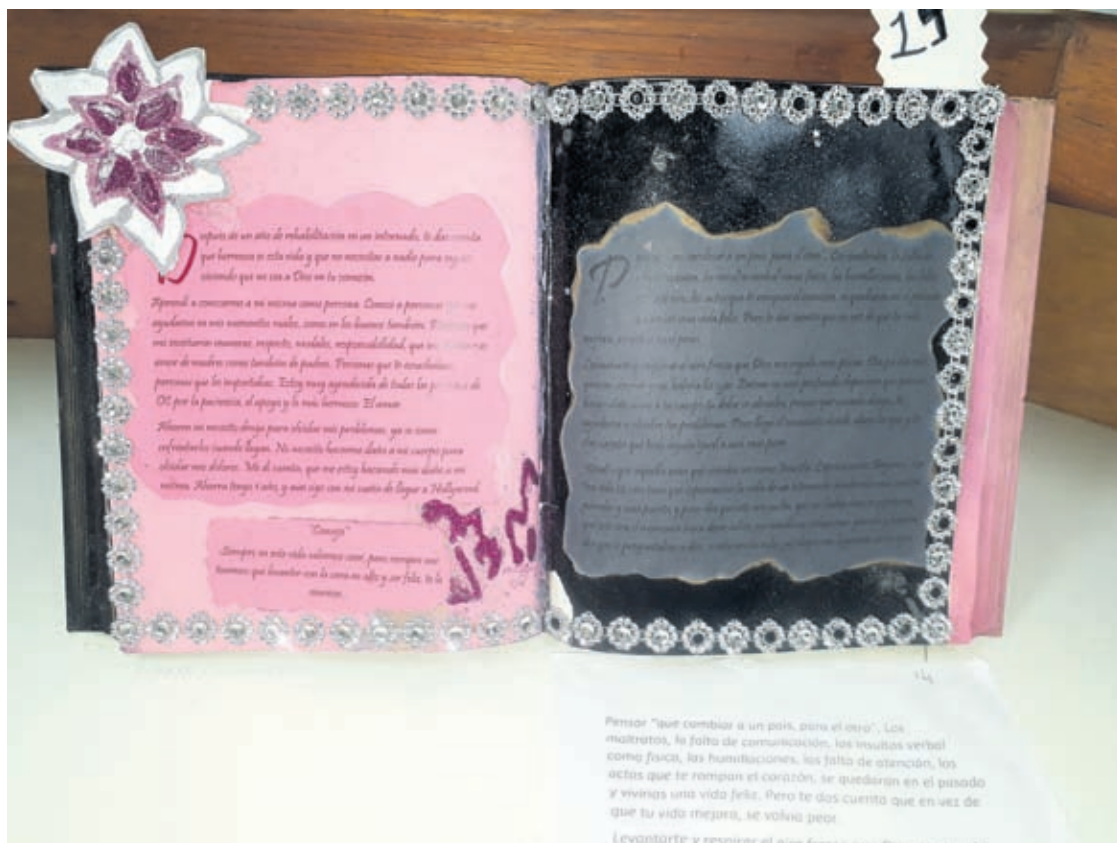
The exposition by the teens of the Ortho-pedagogical Center (OC) was Inspirational. The center is a 24-care for troubled teens between 12 and 18 years old. This particular exhibit was organized by Merveline Geerman. "These children have been through a lot,

they are abused, traumatized and in their adolescent phase as well. They are judged and receive a lot of negativity within community. But the only thing they lacked is love and a safe home. Who would not be troubled by a past like that?" Merveline and her husband are caretakers, they have a heart for volunteer work and they feel like helping and reaching out to those in need. "On

the island there is a culture of judgement and punishment. 'Bad children' must be punished is often heard in the community. People many times are harsh and I would like to turn this coldness to warmth towards these children, by showing the public their background and story. To bring awareness that this is not their choice."

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The couple has three children of their own and Merveline says: "When I look at my children and the children of the institute I see two basic elements the latter lack: love and a home with peace and rest. On the island social cohesion fell apart, everybody is too busy with jobs and people

do not take care of each other no more."

The assignment was for each teen to decorate a book and write about their life in it. Merveline: "The decoration was the easy part, the writing caused some resistance but in the end it was actually helping them." The stories, poems

and quotes are very touching and well-written in many cases. You will definitely be moved after reading the cries from the heart, but also the dreams and wishes.

"My wish is to continue this exhibition in the community centers (FMA's) and I would also love to welcome spon-

sors to arrange gifts for the children that participated. It would absolutely be a reward for them." Aruba Today was impressed by this 'angel couple' and the initiative they undertake to reach out and help others. If you feel connected to

the work Merveline and her husband do and would like to sponsor the gifts for the children or help in another way, please contact them via Facebook Shoco Garden or telephone number (297)593- 4821. □



Strategic Partnerships were essential to reach this milestone for the Gateway 2030 Expansion Project

ORANJESTAD – Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) officially signed the Financial Closing documents with all the lenders last Monday October 1, 2018 at Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix.

A total loan facility of AWG 495 million has been closed with Vidanova Bank N.V. as the Agent Bank, Security Agent and Paying Agent representing all the lenders being: Stichting Algemeen Pensioenfonds Aruba (APFA), RBC Royal Bank (RBC), CIBC FirstCaribbean (CIBC), Algemeen Pensioenfonds van Curaçao (APC), Caribbean Mercantile Bank N.V. (CMB), Aruba Bank N.V. (AB), Pan-American Life Insurance Company of Aruba (PALIG), FATUM Life Aruba N.V. (Fatum), Stichting Bedrijfspensioen-fonds Aruba (SBA), Stichting Pensioenfonds Meta Bedrijven Aruba (MetaFund),

Stichting Pension Fund Tourism Sector Aruba (SPTSA), and Stichting Fondo di Pensioen di Trahadornan di Empresanan y Fundacionnan Publico (FPEF). All the lenders will participate in the construction bridge loan period of 5 years and thereafter either in 10-year or 15 year term loans.

During the financing process over the past few months the following companies were also instrumental in reaching this milestone: financeQUEST as the Financial Arranger; Brown Lawyers as the Transaction Counsel; and Reliant Dutch Caribbean as the Financial Consultant on the financial modeling and business plan.

AAA CEO Mr. James Fazio: "Strategic Partnerships were essential to reach this milestone and we are very thankful to all the lenders

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tual construction works to begin and look forward to welcoming all passengers at the end of the expansion project in a bigger, more modern and better airport." □



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Moratorium study results expected for the first quarter of 2019

ORANJESTAD — The Government of Aruba is doing the proper research for a moratorium based on our loading capacity.

Since April of 2018 the Government of Aruba has been working on alternatives for a moratorium on hotel rooms. A reasonable and responsible study is being conducted which shows all the pros and cons. The Minister of Regional Planning, Infrastructure and Environment Otmar Oduber explained that the necessary studies and meetings are taking place together with Aruba Tourism Authority. Results of this study based on the loading capacity which will enforce the law for the moratorium will be presented during the 1st quarter of 2019.

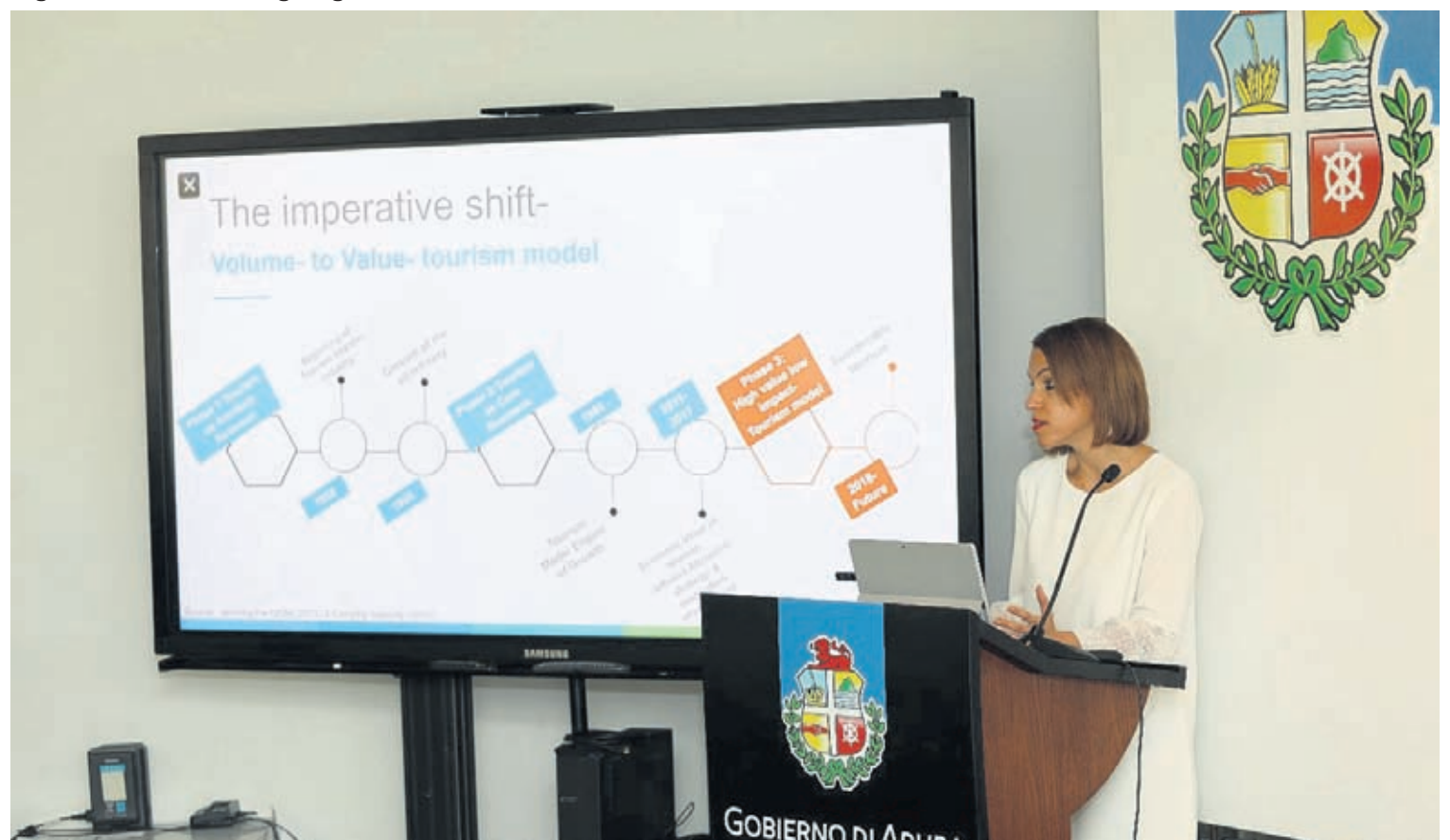
The government stands for a responsible study, there is a reality on what the capacity should be but this goes further than just ho-

tel rooms. It has to do also with the general management and the procedure for obtaining a permit for a piece of land. All this is being included in the ongoing

study. It's important to note that for the least 6 years there have been no new hotels built on Aruba, however our loading capacity has been influenced. There

are other aspects that affect our loading capacity such as shopping malls and real estate. This is the reason when taking this into consideration it doesn't im-

plements hotel rooms only. There must be an integral approach applied to it. □



International Timeshare Conference in Aruba recognizing local pioneers



ORANJESTAD — The spotlight in the world of timeshare was recently upon our island through the International Shared Ownership Investment Conference that took place. The prestigious global giant Interval International was the organizer and host of this event in its 20th edition.

Company owners, developers and top executives of the most renowned companies around the world assisted to interesting sessions over a 2 day period of time. The Aruban Tourism Office is extremely pleased with Interval International for choosing Aruba as head-

quarter for this important meeting because besides highlighting our island as a role model in the industry, they also recognized the trajectory of our local pioneers Raymond Maduro and Jan van Nes, who offered our local companies the opportunity to update and advance in different aspects of this sector.

In the past this conference was known as 'Timeshare & Resort Investment Conference' and in the course of time it was adjusted to 'Vacation Ownership Investment Conference' with the evolution of this industry. Today we talk about a

'shared ownership', since the model before known as timeshare, where tourist/visitors buy a 'fixed week' at a resort, has changed considerably. The conference started with opening words by Marcos Agostini, which is Vice Executive President of the global sales and commercial development of Interval International.

Consequently CEO of A.T.A Ms. Ronella Tijn Asjoe-Croes came forward to give the assistants a welcome and also mention that this year Aruba commemorated an important moment in the timeshare industry which was its 40 years anniversary.

In 1977 Raymond Maduro opened the first property which was Aruba Beach Club and with this our island was converted to one of the first destinations in the world that offered the option of having a timeshare property.

Today Aruba has a total of 13 properties of this kind and it's considered as the capital of the industry in the Caribbean region. The executives also indicated that during the last decade, Aruba meets a constant growth of 3% average in timeshare tourists and this represents 26% of all visitors to Aruba per year.

"As The Aruban Tourism Office we are compromised to direct the positioning of Aruba and lead an innovative and sustainable development in benefit of the Aruban community and its visitors, in collaboration with key partners like the Aruba Timeshare Association (ATSA) and also vocational property owners on

our island," Tijn Asjoe-Croes indicated.

Tijn Asjoe-Croes also said that "we need to appreciate the loyalty that our visitors show us. They are after all the number one vehicle in our market. 38% of the visitors that come indicated that they choose Aruba thanks to the recommendation of family and friends. Our friends and timeshare owners are probably the most loyal spokesman and this is much more worth than gold".

Besides a special presentation by ATSA included in the program, the conference made an analysis of the most recent developments in the industry, also they elaborated upon the topic of marketing in a digital era, which is the same topic that the United Nations World Tourism Organization and A.T.A. had focused upon on the celebration of the World Tourism Day. □

JCI YALA presents "SECRET TO SUCCESS" presented pa Yithza Davelaar, Positive Psychology Coach

ORANJESTAD — JCI Young Active Leaders of Aruba (JCI YALA) proudly presents a Fundraising Training called "Secret to Success" which will be conducted by a well-known Psychology Coach, Yithza Davelaar, from Curacao. Yitza is a Certified Coach, speaker and trainer of the John Maxwell Team.

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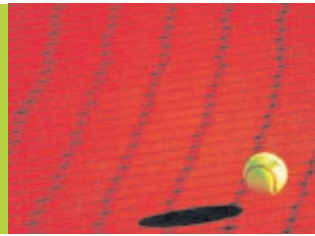
are not being taught at school. These abilities and techniques will be given to you in details during this training. These will definitely help you prepare yourself for the future you always dreamed of.

Don't miss the opportunity to learn the techniques and secrets to be successful in life. The training will take place on Thursday October 11th at the University of Aruba from 9 AM till 11 AM. For registration go to www.eventbrite.com or jciyala@gmail.com or call at 730-6005 or 5698177.



JCI Young Active Leaders of Aruba (JCI YALA) is part of Junior Chamber International (JCI), a worldwide community of young active citizens ages 18-40 who share the belief that in order to create positive change, we must take collective action to improve ourselves and the world around us. Engaging in activities ranging from community development to international projects, members demonstrate their social responsibility and improve themselves through participation, leadership and action. Visit their Facebook page JCI YALA - Young Active Leaders of Aruba for more information.

SPORTS



Ryan Blaney poses with the trophy in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cup series auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018.

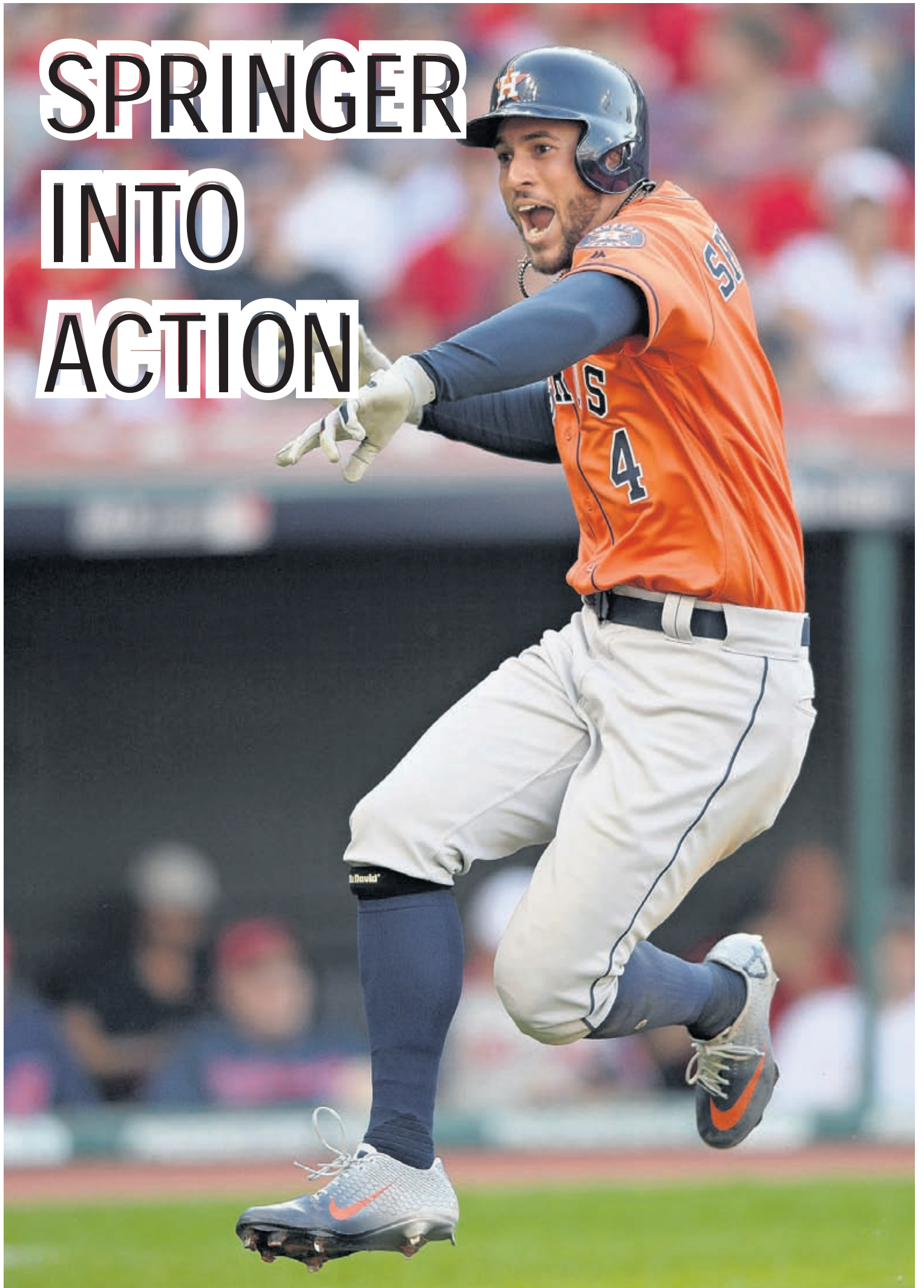
NASCAR must push its newest winners into superstars

By JENNA FRYER

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A race car driver can have all the personality in the world but skills not much better than an old moonshine runner. Or a driver might be the second coming of Richard Petty himself, then fail to transfer any of that on-track energy into a sponsor appearance. Sometimes a driver is the perfect mix of talent and marketability, yet get stuck in mediocre equipment or a team on a slide. It's hard to build a fan base with a car that can't compete. NASCAR got a true gift when Chase Elliott and Ryan Blaney — YOUNG GUNS! — put together back-to-back playoff victories. The two are part of the next generation of NASCAR superstars, but marketing that becomes difficult when the drivers don't win. The hard part temporarily over, NASCAR must now go to work on making America care about these fresh faces.

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SPRINGER INTO ACTION



Houston Astros' George Springer celebrates after hitting a solo home run in the eighth inning during Game 3 of a baseball American League Division Series against the Cleveland Indians, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, in Cleveland.

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Kevin Tway wins Safeway Open playoff for 1st PGA Tour title

NAPA, Calif. (AP) — Kevin Tway made a 10-foot birdie putt on the third hole of a playoff Sunday to win the season-opening Safeway Open at windy Silverado for his first PGA Tour title.

The son of eight-time PGA Tour winner Bob Tway, the 30-year-old former Oklahoma State player beat Ryan Moore on the par-4 10th after Brandt Snedeker dropped out on their first extra trip down the par-5 18th.

"It was nice to get hot at the end," Tway said. "I wasn't really in it on the front nine. Brandt made a couple bogeys starting the back. I was kind of right there, but kind of hanging around. Birdied 17, 18 to get into the playoff and then kept it going in the playoff — and here I am."

After the wind died down in the late afternoon on the tree-lined North Course, Tway birdied the final two holes in regulation for a 1-under 71, then birdied all three holes in the playoff.

"I was just trying to put the ball in the fairway, which was very difficult," Tway said. "I knew the last few holes were a little bit easier, so tried to just keep making pars until then."

Snedeker, three strokes ahead entering the day and five in front with 11 to



Kevin Tway poses with his trophy on the 18th green of the Silverado Resort North Course after winning the Safeway Open PGA golf tournament Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, in Napa, Calif. Tway won the tournament on the third playoff hole.

play, had four back-nine bogeys in a 74.

"Really disappointing," Snedeker said. "Played a really good front nine in tough conditions and made the turn on the back nine and actually drove the ball really well. Had a lot of opportunities, just hit some really poor iron shots, left myself

in places you can't do it. Didn't make any putts."

The nine-time PGA Tour winner bogeyed the first three holes on the back nine, birdied the par-5 16th, bogeyed the par-4 17th and parred the 18th, missing from 9 feet.

"I'm going to look at that one in a few years and

know I gave that one away," Snedeker said. "I had that full control." Moore birdied three of the last four in a 67.

"I didn't even expect to be in this position," Moore said. "When I finished my round, I really didn't think there was a chance of this. Golf is funny and it can work its way

out sometimes, so this was a bonus. I hit some good shots in the playoff, birdied a couple holes and today just wasn't good enough."

Luke List eagled the 18th for a 67 to finish a stroke out of the playoff with Troy Merritt (68), Sam Ryder (69), Aaron Baddeley (69) and Sungjae Im (71).

"Obviously, we all kind of knew the wind was going to be crazy warming up this morning," List said. "There was debris flying everywhere. I was just anticipating a really tough day and it was."

Phil Mickelson tied for 17th at 8 under after a 72.

"It was challenging but yet very playable conditions," Mickelson said. "Actually, I played pretty good. I hit two balls out of bounds on the fifth hole trying to go for the green, but other than that, I played pretty well."

Fred Couples had a 75 to tie for 41st at 5 under in his final start in a regular PGA Tour event.

"For a while I didn't think we were going to play and then when we played, I didn't really play," the 59-year-old Hall of Famer said. "Then I just started hitting and hoping for the best."

Two-time defending champion Brendan Steele had a 75 to finish at 3 under. □

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Phoenix Suns fire general manager Ryan McDonough

By **BOB BAUM**
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Suns fired general manager Ryan McDonough on Monday, nine days before their season begins.

James Jones and Trevor Bukstein will share the GM duties on an interim basis for the Suns. Jones is the team's vice president of basketball operations and Bukstein was assistant GM under McDonough, who had been in Phoenix since 2013 and was under contract through 2020.

Suns owner Robert Sarver said in a statement announcing the firing that he made the decision "after much thought and a long

evaluation of our basketball operations."

"There's no perfect time to make a change," Sarver said in an interview on Arizona Sports 98.7 FM radio. "For me it's just about making consistent progress and with any leader it's an ongoing evaluation process. And, ultimately, I just decided we needed to make a change."

The Suns took Deandre Ayton with the No. 1 overall pick in this year's draft and gave Devin Booker a \$158 million extension during the offseason.

Phoenix has had four straight losing seasons and no playoff berth since 2010. Last year's 21-61 re-

cord was the worst in the NBA and second-worst in franchise history.

Sarver said he'd been looking at the last five years, "more recently the last six months," in an ongoing evaluation of McDonough. "It culminated when we were heading into the summer," Sarver said. "We discussed a number of opportunities I felt were realistic in terms of what progress would look like. And ultimately to me the rate of progress wasn't there where I thought it needed to be."

With the addition of Ayton and some other offseason moves, McDonough said at the team's media

day that those losing days were over and the goal was to make the Suns "the most improved team" in the NBA. But the team has been unsuccessful in acquiring a proven point guard to supplement its otherwise improved lineup. McDonough and Sarver oversaw the hiring of Igor Kokoskov as coach in the offseason.

The Suns won 48 games in McDonough's first season on the job, Phoenix's last winning season, but they just missed the playoffs. Things went downhill with a successive of bad seasons, culminating with 23, 24 and 21 wins each of the past three years.

Phoenix hit it big with the drafting of Booker 13th overall in 2015, but other draft results were sporadic. That could well change with Ayton, the Suns' first No. 1 overall pick.

The Suns hired McDonough after three seasons as assistant general manager of the Boston Celtics. He is the son of the late Boston Globe columnist Will McDonough. His brother Sean is a sports broadcaster and brother Terry is vice president/player personnel of the NFL's Arizona Cardinals. The NBA season begins a week from Tuesday. The Suns' first game is Wednesday, Oct. 17, when they host the Dallas Mavericks. □

IOC picks Senegal as first African host for Youth Olympics

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — The IOC has picked its first African host of any Olympics, formally awarding the 2022 Youth Games to Senegal.

Senegal President Macky Sall was present on Monday to see International Olympic Committee members confirm the executive board's preference from four candidates.

Senegal will host the youth games in three places: Dakar; a new city of Diamniadio, close to the capital; and the coastal resort of Saly.

Sall said a 50,000-seat Olympic Stadium will be built for the government-backed project.

The games budget is estimated at \$150 million, the IOC executive director of Olympic Games, Christophe Dubi, said at a news conference.

Senegal's games are likely to be held in late May. This would be at the end of

the dry season to "greatly reduce the prevalence of tropical diseases," IOC vice president Ugur Erdener told the membership.

Erdener pointed to Senegal's "booming economy" and better conditions than the other bidders from Botswana, Nigeria and Tunisia.

The construction project includes a rail link and an athletes village which will become university accommodation.

"It is not required to have a detailed budget at this stage," Erdener said, though noting that Senegal's government has "full understanding of the magnitude" of its task.

One IOC member from Africa said the whole continent would share the responsibility of its first Olympics, comparing it to soccer's 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

"In Africa, when a family organizes a party all the neighbors chip in and they

help organizing the event," said Lydia Nsekera of Burundi, who also sits on FIFA's ruling council, responding to a fellow IOC member's question about Senegal's economic indicators.

"It doesn't matter, everyone will be there to help President Macky Sall organize and stage these games." Nsekera is a candidate to lead the African group of national Olympic bodies, ANOCA, in an election next month.

The 2022 decision was taken at a two-day IOC meeting on the sidelines of the Buenos Aires Youth Olympics.

In reports by past and future Olympic organizing committees about their work, the Pyeongchang Winter Games reported an operating profit of \$55 million.

Pyeongchang organizing president Lee Hee-beom said the games in South Korea beat its target from



Mali swimmer Ousmane Toure competes in the Men's 100m Butterfly Heat at the Natatorium during the Youth Olympic Summer Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

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sponsorship and donations, and raised almost \$1 billion. The IOC executive board has agreed to give its share of the surplus to sports in South Korea.

Three Pyeongchang venues still lack a long-term plan for use, including two skating arenas and the Alpine skiing downhill course.

The slope at Jeongseon was promised to be replanted with trees and restored as a forest.

"This obviously has always been a concern," Dubi said of the legacy planning. "It has been the case for many months and it will continue to be the case." □

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October orbit: Astros advance with 11-3 win, sweep Indians

By TOM WITHERS

CLEVELAND (AP) — As his teammates sprayed each other with champagne and beer in Houston's buzzing clubhouse, ace Justin Verlander stayed clear of the fray and foam while enjoying a cigar.

This wasn't the time to get soaked. Bigger parties lie ahead.

The Astros are back in an October orbit.

The defending World Series champions advanced to the AL Championship Series for the second straight year — with surprising ease — by completing a division-round sweep of Cleveland on Monday with an 11-3 lashing in Game 3 helped by two key throwing errors from Indians reliever Trevor Bauer.

"No one takes anything for granted here," Verlander said. "That's the DNA of the guys in this clubhouse. This team has a propensity to do big things in big spots. This is an atmosphere that breeds winning."

"We have the most complete team in baseball." Marwin Gonzalez hit a two-run double off Bauer in a three-run seventh inning, and the Astros scored 10 runs in their final three at-bats to turn a series that was supposed to be competitive into a complete rout.

"We're the reigning world champs, and we really have a good ability to show up for the day," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "So proud of our guys, the work they put into the winter. It was a short winter for us. As you can see, our guys are pretty hungry to advance."

The Astros moved to the ALCS on-deck circle, where they await the Boston-New York winner for a shot to play for another championship.

George Springer homered twice, Carlos Correa hit three-run homer for his first hit of the postseason and Houston's bullpen combined for four scoreless innings, including six straight outs by winner Collin McHugh, as the AL West champions served notice



Houston Astros' George Springer (4) and teammates celebrate after defeating the Cleveland Indians in Game 3 of a baseball American League Division Series, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, in Cleveland.

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that a second Series title is on their itinerary.

After the Astros finished this demolition of the Indians, they briefly celebrated on the infield at Progressive Field before donning ski goggles in their clubhouse. For the Indians, another postseason ended earlier than planned. Cleveland was beaten in the first round for the second year in a row — New York came back from a 2-0 deficit in 2017 — and baseball's longest World Series championship drought will reach a 71st anniversary.

The Indians hit just .144 in the series, were outscored 21-6 and have lost six straight playoff games. They were swept for the first time since the 1954 World Series.

"We got to go home now, before we're ready to," manager Terry Francona said. "That hurts. It always stings. I just told the guys, we've got a number of guys that are free agents. You know there's going to be some turnover, and it's a real special group to all of us."

"So that's a hard one, when you're saying goodbye before you're ready to."

Reliever Andrew Miller, one of several potential free agents, couldn't allow himself to think about the fu-

ture while saying goodbye to teammates.

"There's probably a million things you could point to why we didn't win three games," said Miller, who was on the disabled list three times this year. "This isn't the way we want it to end."

Francisco Lindor homered off a circular digital clock in the fifth off Dallas Keuchel to give Cleveland a 2-1 lead that vanished in the seventh.

With a major assist, actually two of them by Bauer, the Astros rallied off Bauer. The starter-turned-postseason reliever, who took the loss, stooped behind the mound and dropped his head after his two errant throws.

Tony Kemp singled and was awarded second when Bauer's pickoff throw hopped into the photographer's pit. Springer reached on a dribbler that catcher Yan Gomes couldn't make a play on as Kemp took third. Jose Altuve grounded into a forceout, with Kemp scoring to tie it 2-2.

Bauer got the dangerous Alex Bregman to hit a comebacker. But the right-hander's throw to second was off line, pulling Lindor off the bag and and both runners were safe — a mistake that surely will haunt

the enigmatic pitcher all winter.

"I caught the ball. I turned around to throw it," Bauer said. "I saw Frankie going to my right and the umpire crossing over and going to my left. I was in the middle of throwing. I kind of flinched. I made a bad throw. There's no way around it. That should have been the end of the inning."

"It was a 2-2 game and we're in the seventh and had a chance. I didn't execute." As he walked to the dugout, Bauer, who did not commit an error in 28 appearances this season, received a polite ovation from Cleveland fans. They appreciated that the Indians had to ride him in October because of all the other problems in the team's bullpen. Mike Clevinger gave Francona a terrific outing — five strong innings before Bauer entered.

Springer, who struck out on three pitches in his first two at-bats against Clevinger, got him the third time and drove the first pitch into the left-field bleachers to tie it 1-1. It was Springer's franchise-record ninth homer in the postseason — he hit No. 10 in the eighth — and gave the Astros a homer in 12 straight playoff games, matching the AL record set

by Baltimore (1983, 1997). After hitting just three home runs in the final 1½ months of the regular season, Springer went deep three times against Cleveland. Unlike the Indians, who coasted to a third straight title, Houston got pushed. But once the Oakland Athletics applied pressure, the Astros took off and went 29-10 after Aug. 18.

They're soaring again.

"At no point this season was there any complacency with this team," Verlander said. "If I had been traded here after they won the World Series, instead of before it last year, I would have assumed this was a young and hungry team when I walked in the clubhouse."

ROCKET MEN

Houston hit eight homers in the series, including two from Bregman and one apiece from Correa, Altuve and Martin Maldonado.

The Astros, who were seventh in the AL with 205 homers in the regular season, connected four times in Game 1.

NO CLUTCH

The Indians have lost nine straight consecutive postseason games when facing elimination, dating to Game 7 of the 1997 World Series. □



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Machado, Dodgers finish off Baby Braves in NLDS with 6-2 win

By PAUL NEWBERRY

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ATLANTA (AP) — When the Los Angeles Dodgers bolstered their already power-packed lineup with slugging shortstop Manny Machado, this is just what they had in mind.

Plenty of long balls. Another deep run in the postseason. Next stop, the NL Championship Series for the third year in a row.

Machado drove in four runs — three of them with a seventh-inning shot into the left-field seats — and the Dodgers finished off the Atlanta Braves with a 6-2 victory Monday in the NL Division Series.

"There are so many expectations put on him," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "We have a lot of good players, but I can't say enough about his focus and preparedness."

Los Angeles took the best-of-five series 3-1 and advanced to face the Brewers. Game 1 is Friday night in Milwaukee.

Coming off a tense victory in Game 3, the Baby Braves grabbed the lead on pinch-hitter Kurt Suzuki's two-run single in the fourth. But David Freese, the 2011 World Series MVP with St. Louis, came through again in the postseason. He delivered a pinch-hit single in the sixth off Brad Brach, driving home Cody Bellinger and Yasiel Puig for a 3-2 lead.

Machado finished off Atlanta in the seventh, launching a 1-2 pitch from rookie Chad Sobotka over the Dodgers' bullpen — his team's eighth homer of the series. A free-agent-to-be acquired from Baltimore in July, Machado also had a run-scoring double in the

first.

He had only three hits in the series, but two of them were homers, along with six RBIs.

"I'm just sitting here enjoying everything, enjoying the ride," Machado said.

Ryan Madson (1-0) earned the win by getting the final two outs in the fifth to escape a bases-loaded jam. The Braves' final gasp came in the eighth, when Lucas Duda's drive into the second deck in right drifted foul with two on against Kenta Maeda. Duda flied out to end the inning, and Atlanta went down quietly in the ninth.

The Dodgers celebrated briefly and posed for pictures in the middle of SunTrust Park, but they have much bigger goals. Los Angeles is seeking its first World Series title since 1988.

"We all know that there's a lot more work to be done," Robert said. "We have eight more wins to go."

Atlanta's return to the postseason for the first time since 2013 yielded a familiar result.

The Braves have lost nine straight playoff appearances, their last victory coming 17 long years ago against a team that is no longer in the National League. Since a sweep of Houston Astros in the 2001 NL Division Series, October has been a month of misery for the Braves.

Getting back to the playoffs ahead of schedule after a massive rebuild, Atlanta simply didn't have the experience, depth or power to stick with the power-packed Dodgers. Los Angeles had a franchise-record 235 homers during the regular season and hit eight more against

the Braves, accounting for 14 of its 20 runs.

"They're a very powerful team," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "It's what they've done all year is hit home runs. We're not built like that yet."

Los Angeles also benefited from some shaky Atlanta defense during its go-ahead inning. Puig kept the sixth going with a popup down the line off Jonny Venters (0-1) that fell between second baseman Ozzie Albies and right fielder Nick Markakis.

Puig stole second without drawing a throw and came home when backup shortstop Charlie Culberson failed to knock down Freese's sharp grounder up the middle. A super sub during the regular season, Culberson had to start in the playoffs because of an injury to regular Dansby Swanson.

WILD STARTERS

Rich Hill of the Dodgers walked five in 4 1/3 innings, including a pair leading off the fifth that set up Suzuki's two-run single. Atlanta's Mike Foltynewicz walked four (one intentional) in four innings before he was lifted.

TOUGH OUT

Hill isn't much of a hitter, but he sure made Foltynewicz work for an inning-ending strikeout in the fourth.

After falling behind 0-2 in the count, Hill fouled out five straight pitches.

Finally, Foltynewicz blew a 97-mph fastball by the .107 career hitter.

FIRST PITCH

The Braves brought out another Hall of Famer to deliver the ceremonial first pitch.

Former Atlanta manager Bobby Cox one-hopped his



Los Angeles Dodgers' Manny Machado (8) celebrates his three-run homer against the Atlanta Braves during the seventh inning in Game 4 of baseball's National League Division Series, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, in Atlanta. The Los Angeles Dodgers won 6-2.

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toss to the plate but still received a big ovation from the Atlanta crowd.

Chipper Jones threw out the first pitch before Game 3.

SMALLER CROWD

The announced crowd of 39,586 was nearly 3,000 smaller than the previous night's record SunTrust Park turnout, perhaps because of a 4:30 p.m. start time that coincided with Atlanta's notorious rush hour.

UP NEXT

The Dodgers beat Milwaukee 4-3 in the season series. Both teams won division ti-

ties with one-game playoff victories the day after the regular season.

Atlanta opens the 2019 season at Philadelphia on March 28. □

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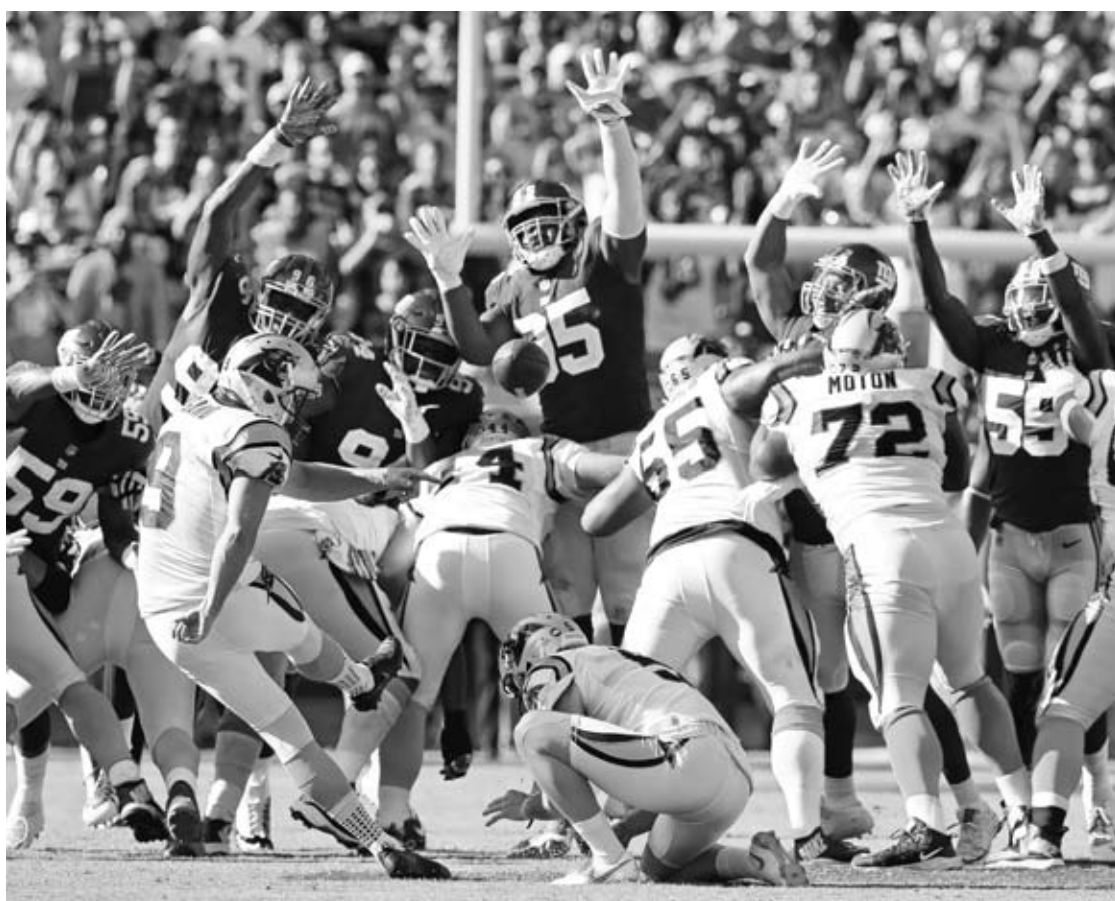


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Graham Gano's 63-yard FG lifts Panthers past Giants

By The Associated Press
CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Graham Gano connected on a career-long 63-yard field goal with 1 second remaining to lift the Carolina Panthers to a wild 33-31 victory over the New York Giants on Sunday. Gano's winning kick, tied for second longest in league history, came after the Giants erased a 14-point deficit. Eli Manning hooked up with Saquon Barkley on a 15-yard touchdown pass down the right sideline — the rookie made a long dive into the end zone — to put the Giants in front 31-30 with 1:08 remaining. Gano's previous career long was 59 yards. He was 4 for 4 on field goal attempts and has made 35 in a row at home dating back to 2016.

It's the second year in a row the Giants (1-4) have been beaten by a monster field goal at the end. In the third game last season, Jake Elliott of the Eagles kicked a 61-yarder for a 27-24 win. Cam Newton threw for 237 yards and had two touchdowns and two interceptions. Christian McCaffrey had 93 yards from



Carolina Panthers' Graham Gano (9) kicks the game-winning field goal against the New York Giants in the second half of an NFL football game in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018.

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scrimmage and an 18-yard touchdown catch for the Panthers (3-1). Manning finished 22 of 36 for 326 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions, both by Panthers 37-year-old safety Mike

Adams. Odell Beckham Jr., had a big game as a receiver and passer. Beckham had eight catches for 131 yards and a touchdown and also threw a 57-yarder to Barkley for New York's first touchdown. **TEXANS 19, COWBOYS 16, OT**
HOUSTON (AP) — DeAndre Hopkins had 151 yards receiving, including a key reception in overtime, and Ka'imi Fairbairn's 36-yard field goal lifted Houston past Dallas. The Cowboys got the ball first in OT but had to punt when Zach Cunningham stopped Ezekiel Elliott for no gain on third-and-1. A 49-yard catch and run by Hopkins got the Texans in scoring range in overtime. He grabbed a short pass from Watson and twice spun away from would-be tacklers to stretch the play. Houston was just 1 of 5 in the red zone on Sunday with Fairbairn making four field goals to help the Texans to the victory. Deshaun Watson threw for 375 yards with a touchdown and an interception for the Texans (2-3) in their second straight overtime victory. Dak Prescott had 208 yards

passing and a touchdown but threw two interceptions for the Cowboys (2-3). Elliott was limited to 54 yards rushing. **BROWNS 12, RAVENS 9, OT**
CLEVELAND (AP) — Rookie Greg Joseph's 37-yard field goal — a knuckleball that barely cleared the crossbar — with 2 seconds left in overtime. After rookie quarterback Baker Mayfield drove the Browns (2-2-1) into position, Joseph, signed after Week 2 following Zane Gonzalez's release, lined his kick through the uprights to give Cleveland its first AFC North win in 19 tries. As Browns fans celebrated just the team's second win in two seasons, Joseph was mobbed by his teammates following Cleveland's third OT game in five weeks. The Ravens (3-2) had plenty of chances, but Joe Flacco threw a costly interception in the first half and the Browns blocked one of Justin Tucker's field goal tries. Mayfield passed for 342 yards and threw a 19-yard TD pass in his first start at home. He completed a key third-down pass for 39 yards to Derrick Willies on Cleveland's winning drive. **VIKINGS 23, EAGLES 21**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Kirk Cousins threw for 301 yards and one touchdown, Linval Joseph returned a fumble 64 yards for a score and the Vikings won a rematch of last season's NFC championship game. Carson Wentz and the rest of Philadelphia's offense again struggled as the defending Super Bowl champions fell to 2-3. Nick Foles led the Eagles to a 38-7 rout over Case Keenum and Minnesota's top-ranked defense in the title game on his way to earning MVP honors against New England. Trying to rally from a 17-point deficit midway through the third quarter, the Eagles were set up to take the lead after Roc Thomas dropped a backward pass and Nigel Bradham recovered the fumble at the Vikings 30 in the fourth quarter. But Wentz was called for intentional grounding and coach Doug Pederson elected not to let Jake Elliott try a 58-yarder. Dan Bailey, who missed two field goals earlier, nailed a 52-yard field goal to extend the lead to 23-14 with 2:47 left. Wentz fired a 7-yard TD pass to Zach Ertz to cut it to 23-21 with 1:09 left but Adam Thielen recovered the onside kick for the Vikings (2-2-1). **RAMS 33, SEAHAWKS 31**
SEATTLE (AP) — Todd Gurley rushed for three touchdowns, Jared Goff passed for 321 yards and a score and the Rams remained unbeaten. Playing without their top two receivers due to concussions suffered late in the first half, the Rams leaned heavily on Goff, Gurley and wide receiver Robert Woods to escape Seattle and improve to 5-0. Gurley scored on a 2-yard run in the first quarter, and added TDs of 2 and 5 yards in the second half. Gurley's third rushing TD on the second play of the fourth quarter pulled the Rams within 31-30. But new kicker Cairo Santos hooked the extra point attempt and Seattle maintained a one-point lead. □



Houston Texans kicker Ka'imi Fairbairn (7) signals after kicking the winning field goal against the Dallas Cowboys during overtime of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, in Houston.

Associated Press

Seattle NHL group unveils \$70 million training center plans

SEATTLE (AP) — The ownership group looking to bring an expansion NHL team to Seattle unveiled plans Monday for a \$70 million training facility in the northern part of the city. NHL Seattle CEO Tod Leiweke announced the plans, which include three full-sized rinks and office space to serve as the headquarters for the proposed new franchise. The facility will have 180,000 square feet total and be located near Seattle's Northgate Mall, which is being redeveloped. The location is a short walk from a new light-

rail station set to open in a few years and has easy access to Interstate 5. "We have an incredible opportunity to make Seattle the epicenter of hockey in the Pacific Northwest and our ownership has given us the ability to take a big, big step today," Leiweke said. "This is a major commitment. We're investing lots of money in KeyArena, we're acquiring a team we hope, and this is another major financial commitment that our owners are making to try and grow the game, build the game and have impact."

The expansion bid by Seattle appears to be set for final approval by the NHL Board of Governors in early December. The board's executive committee gave a unanimous recommendation last week in New York to move ahead with approving Seattle's bid to become the league's 32nd team.

The hope is Seattle will be ready to join the league for the 2020-21 season, assuming construction stays on schedule for the \$700 million renovation of KeyArena. The venue hosted its final scheduled event last



Lance Lopes, Project Manager for NHL Seattle, displays artist's renditions of a planned NHL ice hockey practice facility at Northgate Mall during a news conference Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, in Seattle.

Associated Press

Friday, when the Golden State Warriors and Sacramento Kings met in an NBA preseason game, and the renovation could begin in the coming weeks. The proposed training facil-

ity would have one rink with seating for 1,000 and two rinks each with seating for 400. The NHL Seattle group also expects the building to be a hub for growing youth programs in the area. □

NASCAR

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The task isn't too hard with Elliott, the 22-year-old son of Hall of Famer Bill Elliott. Ol' "Awesome Bill" won NASCAR's most popular driver award 16 times before he removed his name from balloting. All those fans flocked to Dale Earnhardt Jr., but he's retired now so Chase Elliott automatically got his Daddy's fans. Still, Chase Elliott is never going to be the next Jeff Gordon, a pop culture icon and crossover in sports, media and entertainment. Elliott doesn't have the personality for it — remember, he's Bill Elliott's kid and Bill Elliott was hardly the most verbose driver of his time. The appeal of the younger Elliott is largely for fans who already enjoy NASCAR. Blaney is a third-generation racer and North Carolina native who does have the personality to draw new fans. When Hollywood sends a young starlet to the race track to promote a project, NASCAR does its best to get a meet-and-greet with Blaney because he's current and capable of engaging in a topical conversation. NASCAR has a slew of Blaneys and Elliotts — there is Daytona 500 winner Austin Dillon, his younger brother, Ty, Kyle Larson, and Bubba Wallace, the only black driver at NASCAR's top level. Consecutive wins

the last two weeks from two of them has simply underscored the pressure the series has to make these drivers relevant. The first step is to get the drivers in front of the public. NASCAR hasn't done a great job the last few years of forcing its drivers in front of the media on a weekly basis, which is the only way to build familiarity. The drivers also need to relate, somehow, to both existing fans and potential fans. Some of the drivers, including Blaney, have made a point recently to pick a child from the stands as the recipient of the checkered flag. When Blaney won two races ago at Charlotte, he gave the flag to a little boy in Kyle Busch gear. The next day, the father brought his son to the Team Penske shop, where the boy not only got a T-shirt of his new favorite driver but but they got to meet Blaney and pose for pictures, too. The day before Blaney's victory, 17-year-old Hailie Deegan became the first woman to win a NASCAR K&N West Series race with a bump-and-run move on her own teammate. She earned a bright yellow trophy in the shape of a water tower that weighed about 50 pounds and it immediately became her most prized possession. The trophy went with her the day after her victory — on a pair of commer-



Chase Elliott, front left, poses with the trophy in Victory Lane after he won a NASCAR Cup Series auto race, Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

Associated Press

cial flights, shoved under the seats in front of her. Her victory celebration was a long day of travel to get to North Carolina to promote the win. Deegan was feted all over the NASCAR community and wrapped up her time with a stop in the studio at Fox Sports 1. As she was leaving the studio in her rental car, she captured for her social media fol-

lowers a helicopter landing with another NASCAR driver arriving for his studio appearance. With a laugh, Deegan praised her Toyota Camry rental car. Fans can't relate to the many NASCAR stars because they stopped being blue collar as soon as they bought million-dollar motorhomes to give them a haven away from the public at the tracks. Then they

got private planes to get out of the track as soon as possible. NASCAR needs to reshape the image of a successful race car driver and make the fans care about them once again. The first step is turning them loose for the public with the expectation that the drivers start working a little bit harder to sell themselves as the future of the sport. □

Facebook wants people to invite its cameras into their homes

By **MICHAEL LIEDTKE** and **BARBARA ORTUTAY**

AP Technology Writers
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Facebook is launching the first electronic device to bear its brand, a screen and camera-equipped gadget intended to make video calls easier and more intuitive.

But it's unclear if people will open their homes to an internet-connected camera sold by a company with a questionable track record on protecting user privacy. Facebook is marketing the device, called Portal, as a way for its more than 2 billion users to chat with one another without having to fuss with positioning and other controls. The device features a camera that uses artificial intelligence to automatically zoom as people move around during calls.

Since Echo's release nearly four years ago, both Google and Apple have followed Amazon in releasing smart speakers designed for use with their other digital services — some of them, at least. These speakers can serve as hub-like controllers for "smart" homes as people install appliances, lighting and security systems that can be controlled over the internet.

Portal represents Facebook's entry into that fray. But pointing an artificially intelligent camera into people's homes could well raise other privacy questions.

"The first thing consumers



This image provided by Facebook shows the company's product called Portal Plus.

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are going to wonder is 'how much sensitive data is this collecting about me?'" said John Breyault, vice president of public policy of telecommunications and fraud at the National Consumers League, a Washington-based consumer advocacy group that has received donations from Facebook and other tech companies.

On Monday, Twitter users were quick to point to Facebook's privacy fallacies and what they saw as the company's impudence in asking people to trust it with a camera called Portal inside their homes. Some compared it to the always-on, always-watching telescreens in George Orwell's dystopian novel

"1984." Others saw the gadget's appeal — but not if it comes from Facebook.

It's a particularly trying time for Facebook to release a home camera. Earlier this year, the company had to acknowledge that as many as 87 million people may have had their data accessed by Cambridge Analytica, a data mining firm that worked for the Trump campaign and aimed to use the data to influence elections. More recently, Facebook revealed that hackers managed to pierce its security to break into 50 million accounts.

Facebook says it won't "listen to, view or keep the contents" of video calls, adding that the Portal camera won't use facial

recognition or identify people in the video calls. The device will allow users to disable the camera and microphone with a single tap and to lock it with a numerical passcode. There's also a physical camera cover to prevent recording. Portal will not display Facebook ads "at this time," the company said, although it noted that third-party services such as music streaming might embed their own ads the same way they do on other devices.

The company says Facebook's privacy policy applies to Portal, since it uses Messenger for voice and video calls. Facebook executives have repeatedly said that the company does not use the contents

of messages or calls for advertising purposes and will not do so in the future. Still, there are other, less direct possibilities for the future.

"This is going to gain (Facebook) not only a place in the smart home, but also data they may not have been able to collect before or understand before," said ABI Research analyst Jonathan Collins. This includes people's location, activities and interests — "all the reasons companies want to get into the home." That said, Facebook says Portal does not collect any information about people's home, listening only for voice commands. The camera, when enabled, detects people as they walk into the room but does not identify specific people or record anything about people's homes, according to Facebook.

Facebook will offer Portal in two sizes — a \$199 model with a 10-inch horizontal screen and a \$349 "Plus" version with a 15.6-inch screen that can switch between vertical or horizontal orientations. Both models also include an internet-connected speaker that features Amazon's voice-activated digital assistant, Alexa. Portal connects calls through Messenger, meaning that it can reach people who don't have a Portal themselves. And since Messenger can be used without a Facebook account, Portal users won't need a Facebook account to use it — only Messenger. □

Social media lights up with SpaceX satellite launch



In this image made from video provided by SpaceX, a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket carrying an Argentinian satellite blasts off from the Vandenberg Air Force Base launch site, about 130 miles (209 kilometers) northwest of Los Angeles on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018.

Associated Press

By **AMANDA LEE MYERS** and **JOHN ANTCHAK**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When SpaceX launched a rocket carrying an Argentine Earth-observation satellite from California, both the night sky and social media lit up.

People as far away as Phoenix and Sacramento posted photos of the Falcon 9 rocket's launch and return on Sunday night. It was the first time SpaceX landed a first-stage boost-

er back at its launch site at Vandenberg Air Force Base, about 130 miles (209 kilometers) northwest of Los Angeles.

The Air Force warned residents on the central California coast they might see multiple engine burns by the first stage and hear one or more sonic booms as it returned.

But many were taken by surprise when the launch illuminated the sky, wondering what the otherworldly

looking sight was. Some speculated it was a comet or an alien aircraft.

"Something exploded in the sky west of Phoenix," Laura Gadberry wrote on Twitter. "Anyone catch it or know what it was?"

Lloyd Lawrence, another user in Phoenix — more than 530 miles (853 kilometers) away from the launch site — said he was driving on Interstate 10 when he saw the launch and "couldn't believe my eyes." □

Not since 1969: US regains ultra-low 3.7 pct. Unemployment

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The last time the U.S. unemployment rate was roughly as low as the 3.7 percent it is now — December 1969 — the economy was overheating, inflation was spiking and a short recession soon followed.

Could that happen again? Probably not anytime soon, most economists say. Yet there are some surprising similarities between today's economy and the late 1960s, when the unemployment rate remained mostly below 4 percent for four straight years.

The jobless rate, the government reported Friday, is now at its lowest level since the 3.5 percent it reached 49 years ago. And the strength looks likely to endure. There are a record number of open jobs, consumers are confident and economic growth has been brisk. America's economic expansion is now the second-longest on record, having already surpassed the boom of the 1960s.

Despite the similar jobless rates, the economy then was very different and by some measures stronger. Nearly a third of U.S. jobs were in manufacturing, which provided solidly middle-class pay and benefits. Prosperity was more broadly shared, with less economic inequality.

It's a period that is frequently recalled with nostalgia, although racial and ethnic barriers, educational disparities and institutional sexism prevented many millions of Americans from participating in it.

"Prosperity has become the normal state of the American economy," a White House report in 1969 said. Incomes, even after accounting for taxes and inflation, jumped 7 percent in 1964, the best showing of that decade. The biggest annual gain in the current decade, so far, was just 4.2 percent in 2015.

"A family could afford to live on one income and own a house and a car," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at Grant Thorn-



In this May 29, 1969 photo, people walk along Rockefeller Plaza area during the lunch hour in New York.

Associated Press

ton, a tax advisory firm.

In the late 1960s, more than 95 percent of men in their prime working years either had a job or were looking for one; today's corresponding figure is roughly 89 percent.

Still, a sharp influx of women into the workforce in the 1980s has offset the decline in men in the job market. Overall, a greater proportion of Americans are now working or looking for work than back then.

Back in December 1969, a mild recession was beginning. The long stretch of low unemployment had led to a classic case of an overheating economy. Growth was a robust 5.8 percent in 1964. Yet President Lyndon Johnson added more stimulus by ramping up government spending to pay for his expansive "Great Society" anti-poverty programs and for the Vietnam War. Steel mills and other factories cranked out more goods to support the war effort. Annual growth topped 6 percent in 1965 and 1966. The unemployment rate fell below 4 percent in February 1966.

With more Americans

splurging on appliances, televisions and cars, inflation started to accelerate. Prices jumped 4.7 percent in 1968. One in three workers belonged to a union, and many union contracts required annual cost of living increases. So did many non-union contracts.

All that ignited what economists call a "wage-price spiral": Paychecks grew to keep pace with inflation. Inflation, in turn, rose as companies raised prices to afford to pay those higher wages. Inflation hit 6.2 percent in 1969. The stage had been set for more than a decade of soaring prices, escalated by gasoline-price spikes in the 1970s.

Responding to runaway inflation, the Federal Reserve jacked up the short-term interest rate it controls to nearly 9.25 percent in the fall of 1969. Congress also raised taxes in a belated effort to pay for the war and social spending. That double-whammy tipped the economy into a recession, with annual growth plummeting to just 0.2 percent in 1970.

In December that year, the unemployment rate

jumped to 6.1 percent. The rate wouldn't fall below 4 percent again for nearly 30 years, until September 2000.

By many measures, the U.S. economy is now in a far different place. The Fed's biggest chronic problem hasn't been overly high inflation. Until very recently, the problem has been overly low inflation. The Fed's preferred inflation gauge remained below its 2 percent target for six years until finally touching it in May this year.

In part, that's because consumer spending is comparatively weak. And, as a consequence, economic growth hasn't topped 3 percent for a full calendar year since 2005 — never mind the 6 percent it achieved in the mid-1960s. Inflation has also been constrained by price competition among online retailers, low-priced imported goods and relatively weak pay raises for many Americans. After the 2008 financial crisis, the Fed kept its benchmark rate at a record low near zero for seven years. Even after a succession of rate hikes, the Fed's key

rate remain in a still-low range between 2 percent and 2.25 percent.

Still, there are parallels between the two eras. The economy had already grown, if modestly, for more than seven years when President Donald Trump added stimulus in the form of corporate and individual tax cuts. Congress later passed legislation that increased spending on defense and social programs. And while inflation remains low, Trump has imposed tariffs on steel and aluminum and about half the goods the United States imports from China. It has also threatened duties on imported cars. Tariffs tend to elevate inflation by raising costs, which could lead the Fed to step up the pace of its rate increases.

"That's a risk that some economists have worried about," Andrew Chamberlain, chief economist at the jobs website Glassdoor, said. "We could have a hangover effect." □

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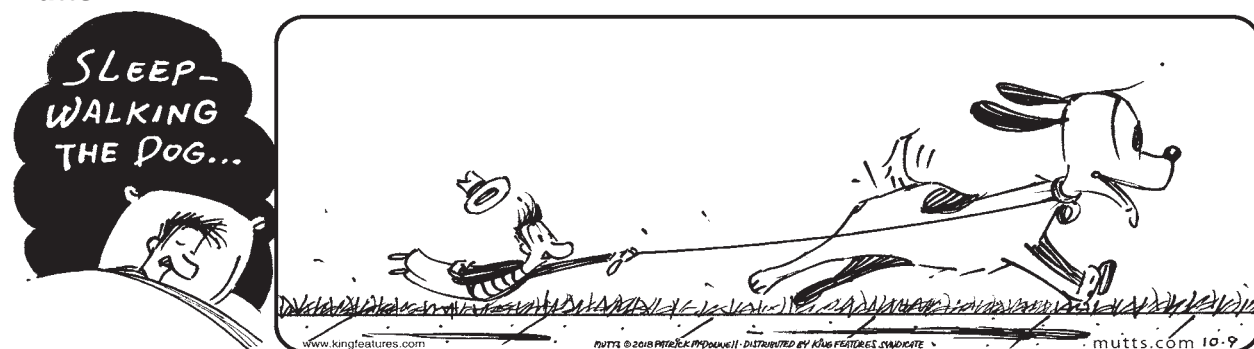
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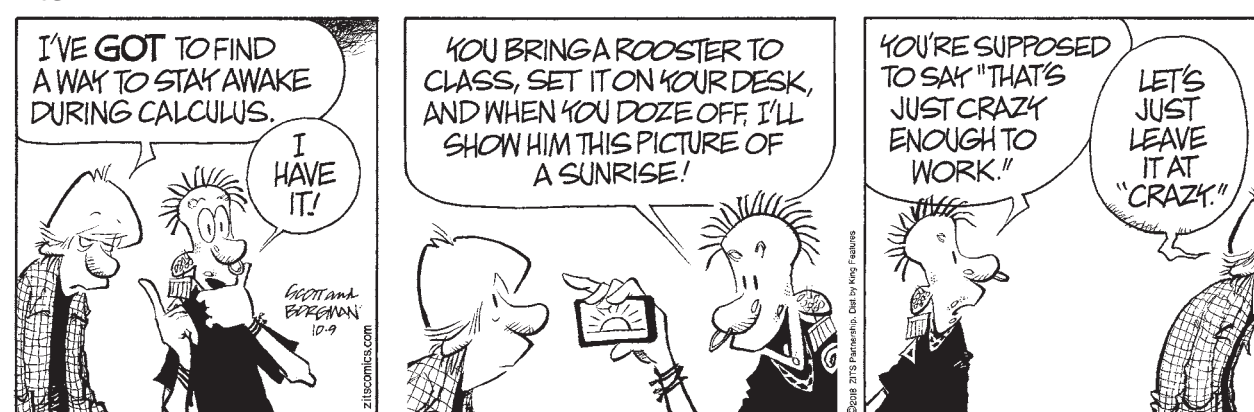
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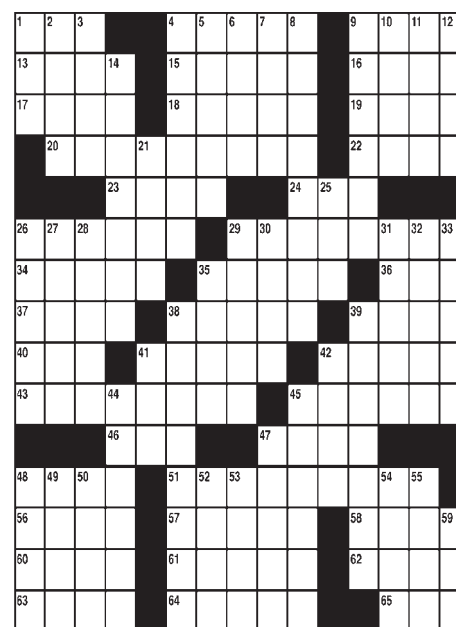
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

9	5	2	3	8	4	1	7	6
4	6	7	1	5	2	3	8	9
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3	2	8	4	9	5	6	1	7
6	7	4	2	1	3	8	9	5
5	9	1	6	7	8	4	2	3
2	3	9	5	4	1	7	6	8
7	4	5	8	2	6	9	3	1
1	8	6	7	3	9	5	4	2

ACROSS

- Solemn promise
- Colorful daisylike flower
- more; again
- Actor Sandler
- Swiped
- Meander
- "Me Do"; Beatles song
- Hooded jacket
- Accepted standard
- In __; fully prepared
- Mayberry resident
- Geek
- Many a time
- Bitter conflict
- Disdain
- the finger at; accuse
- Rescued
- Vaudevillian Olsen
- winded; like a motormouth
- Smiled for the camera
- Extended family group
- "Complicated"; Meryl Streep film
- "Nothing could be __ than to be in Carolina..."
- Brave deeds
- Seminary class
- Evening party
- Play on words
- Swimming spot
- Delight
- Adorn
- Money borrowed
- cologne; perfume
- Actor Wyle
- Meanie
- Not urban
- Fence door
- Actress Tuesday
- In a devious way
- Mattel's boy doll



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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DOWN

- Actor Kilmer
- Scent
- Surfboard support
- Have ambitions
- Get up
- Shredded
- BPOE folks
- Used logic
- Fancy
- AM/PM divider
- Queen or joker
- TV show award
- Definition
- Skillful
- Floral wire service
- Banana __; ice cream treat
- Fang
- Dishwasher cycle
- "Ben __" of old TV
- Talk __; discuss
- Back tooth
- Dish
- Uptight
- Anthem

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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A	G	E	S	A	N	D	E	S	A	N	D

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- Early settlers
- Shine
- fan; overhead blower
- Part of a theater
- James __ Jones
- Injure by rough handling
- Entomb
- Enjoy a long bath
- Detest
- Female bird

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Wk 33, Unit 2332 \$2,750

3rd Floor/Harbor View

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U.N. report on global warming carries life-or-death warning

By SETH BORENSTEIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Preventing an extra single degree of heat could make a life-or-death difference in the next few decades for multitudes of people and ecosystems on this fast-warming planet, an international panel of scientists reported Sunday. But they provide little hope the world will rise to the challenge.

The Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change issued its gloomy report at a meeting in Incheon, South Korea.

In the 728-page document, the U.N. organization detailed how Earth's weather, health and ecosystems would be in better shape if the world's leaders could somehow limit future human-caused warming to just 0.9 degrees Fahrenheit (a half degree Celsius) from now, instead of the globally agreed-upon goal of 1.8 degrees F (1 degree C). Among other things:

- Half as many people would suffer from lack of water.

- There would be fewer deaths and illnesses from heat, smog and infectious diseases.

- Seas would rise nearly 4 inches (0.1 meters) less.

- Half as many animals with back bones and plants would lose the majority of their habitats.

- There would be substantially fewer heat waves, downpours and droughts.

- The West Antarctic ice sheet might not kick into irreversible melting.

- And it just may be enough to save most of the world's coral reefs from dying.

"For some people this is a life-or-death situation without a doubt," said Cornell University climate scientist



In this Oct. 26, 2015 file photo, fish swim over a patch of bleached coral in Hawaii's Kaneohe Bay off the island of Oahu. Warmer water is repeatedly causing mass global bleaching events to Earth's fragile coral reefs.

Natalie Mahowald, a lead author on the report.

Limiting warming to 0.9 degrees from now means the world can keep "a semblance" of the ecosystems we have. Adding another 0.9 degrees on top of that — the looser global goal — essentially means a different and more challenging Earth for people and species, said another of the report's lead authors, Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, director of the Global Change Institute at the University of Queensland, Australia.

But meeting the more ambitious goal of slightly less warming would require immediate, draconian cuts in emissions of heat-trapping gases and dramatic changes in the energy field. While the U.N. panel says technically that's possible, it saw little chance of the needed adjustments happening.

In 2010, international negotiators adopted a goal of limiting warming to 2 degrees C (3.6 degrees F) since pre-industrial times. It's called the 2-degree goal. In 2015, when the nations of the world agreed to the historic Paris climate agreement, they set dual goals: 2 degrees C and a more demanding target of 1.5 degrees C from pre-industrial times. The 1.5 was at the urging of vulnerable countries that called 2 degrees a death sentence.

The world has already warmed 1 degree C since pre-industrial times, so the talk is really about the difference of another half-degree C or 0.9 degrees F from now.

"There is no definitive way to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 above pre-industrial levels," the U.N.-requested report said. More than 90 scientists wrote the report, which is based on more than 6,000 peer reviews.

"Global warming is likely to reach 1.5 degrees C between 2030 and 2052 if it continues to increase at the current rate," the report states.

Deep in the report, scientists say less than 2 percent of 529 of their calculated

possible future scenarios kept warming below the 1.5 goal without the temperature going above that and somehow coming back down in the future.

The pledges nations made in the Paris agreement in 2015 are "clearly insufficient to limit warming to 1.5 in any way," one of the study's lead authors, Joerj Roeglj of the Imperial College in London, said.

"I just don't see the possibility of doing the one and a half" and even 2 degrees looks unlikely, said Appalachian State University environmental scientist Gregg Marland, who isn't part of the U.N. panel but has tracked global emissions for decades for the U.S. Energy Department. He likened the report to an academic exercise wondering what would happen if a frog had wings.

Yet report authors said they remain optimistic.

Limiting warming to the lower goal is "not impossible but will require unprecedented changes," U.N. panel chief Hoesung Lee said in a news conference in which scientists repeatedly declined to spell out just how feasible that goal is. They said it is up to governments to decide wheth-

er those unprecedented changes are acted upon.

"We have a monumental task in front of us, but it is not impossible," Mahowald said earlier. "This is our chance to decide what the world is going to look like."

To limit warming to the lower temperature goal, the world needs "rapid and far-reaching" changes in energy systems, land use, city and industrial design, transportation and building use, the report said. Annual carbon dioxide pollution levels that are still rising now would have to drop by about half by 2030 and then be near zero by 2050. Emissions of other greenhouse gases, such as methane, also will have to drop. Switching away rapidly from fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas to do this could be more expensive than the less ambitious goal, but it would clean the air of other pollutants. And that would have the side benefit of avoiding more than 100 million premature deaths through this century, the report said.

"Climate-related risks to health, livelihoods, food security, water supply, human security and economic growth are projected to increase with global warming" the report said, adding that the world's poor are more likely to get hit hardest. Princeton University climate scientist Michael Oppenheimer said extreme weather, especially heat waves, will be deadlier if the lower goal is passed.

Meeting the tougher-to-reach goal "could result in around 420 million fewer people being frequently exposed to extreme heat waves, and about 65 million fewer people being exposed to exceptional heat waves," the report said. The deadly heat waves that hit India and Pakistan in 2015 will become practically yearly events if the world reaches the hotter of the two goals, the report said. Coral and other ecosystems are also at risk. The report said warmer water coral reefs "will largely disappear." □



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'Walking Dead' star trades arc of weapons for arc of story

By JEFF MARTIN
Associated Press

SENOIA, Ga. (AP) — Andrew Lincoln will no longer evade the arc of a knife, a bullet or a bloody baseball bat wrapped with razor wire on the Georgia set where AMC's "The Walking Dead" is filmed.

The show's upcoming ninth season, which premieres Sunday night, will be the last for his character, sheriff's Deputy Rick Grimes, and Lincoln has wrapped his last scene.

Now he's hoping to direct an episode of the show, so he's "shadowing" one of the directors during filming near the small town of Senoia.

"I've always had a fascination with the language of film," he told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "And I'm a control freak. I have strong opinions aesthetically, and maybe it's time for me to own up to it and see if I can, you know,



In this March 17, 2017 file photo, Andrew Lincoln attends the 34th annual PaleyFest: "The Walking Dead" event in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

put my money where my mouth is."

His trademark humor finds its way into many of his answers to questions about his future.

"You're interrupting my shadowing!" he says.

"There's lessons being taught out there right now and I'm not there. Which way to point the camera is

probably being taught at the moment."

The drama sometimes follows the story lines of a comic book series that debuted in 2003, but also

veers from that narrative to create new tales. It's built around a cast of characters struggling to survive in a world that's fallen into chaos and become infested with zombies they call "walkers." The humans also break into factions and sometimes wage war with one another.

As the show enters its final season with Lincoln's character, he speaks lovingly of the "less-is-more" aspect of the upcoming season.

"There's less gas, there's less guns, there's less food," he says. "But we've got more tension as a result, and thrills and spills. If something goes wrong in this landscape that we inhabit now, then we're in serious trouble."

Lincoln says "The Walking Dead" has always been an ensemble show that's not dependent on any one character. "The themes this season are absolutely what we set out to achieve in the first season," he said. □

First woman Doctor Who wants to be a role model to all

By JOHN CARUCCI

NEW YORK (AP) — Jodie Whittaker calls being cast as the first woman to portray Doctor Who "a step in the right direction" when it comes to gender equality in Hollywood, but doesn't feel that she's broken a glass ceiling because there's more work to be done.

Moments before the latest season of "Doctor Who" debuted in a global-wide telecast on Sunday, Whittaker was at New York Comic Con with showrunner Chris Chibnall, and Executive Producer Matt Strevens talking about the new season and the historical casting decision.

"Do I think the glass ceiling is broken? No. Do I think that this is a positive step in the direction of equality in the representation on film? Yeah. But it's not broken," Whittaker said.

The long-running television series chronicles the adventures of an extraterrestrial time lord who travels to different time periods to



In this July 21, 2018 file photo, Jodie Whittaker attends the Entertainment Weekly Comic-Con Celebration in San Diego.

Associated Press

help people, without doing anything drastic that may alter the course of history. Whittaker became the 13th to play the eponymous character, and explains why she hopes to be a role model for everyone, re-

gardless of gender.

"When I was growing up, there was never a question that as a girl you would look up to guys. That's what you did. Whereas there's a slight mythology in the sense if you're a girl, you're

a hero for a girl, which is not the case," she said. "And so, I think the wonderful thing about this is being a role model for anyone, which the Doctor has always been regardless of gender." While Whittaker was honored to

get the role, she noted that the casting announcement seemed like a bigger deal than it was because "gender becomes immediately irrelevant within the show because the Doctor is the Doctor."

The actress calls herself a "New Whovian" that began watching the show after she got the role. What she learned from her binge watching was "how inclusive it is."

On the floor of Comic Con, fans spoke positively about this Doctor.

Twelve-year old Danielle Nickelson, dressed as Harley Quinn, was glad to see a woman in the role. "I like that they made it a woman, because usually nowadays shows don't really have girls in them. It's more like boys, like Spider-Man," Nickelson said.

And in-between practicing moves from her favorite video game, "Street Fighter," longtime fan Lia Vanderlinden had her own take on accepting the new Doctor. □

Norwegian massacre '22 July' is brilliantly handled

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

Anders Behring Breivik probably thinks "22 July" is about him. He's the violent narcissist whose actions are at the heart of the film, but Breivik is really the enigma in its center. No, "22 July" is about everyone other than Breivik — and that is a remarkable cinematic feat. This powerful, must-see film — written and directed by Paul Greengrass — explores several of the lives altered when right-wing extremist Breivik went on a deadly rampage in Norway in 2011, killing 77. How this could this hatred happen in the heart of prosperous Scandinavia? That's the subtext.

Greengrass is on the most slippery of slopes here — showing a mass murderer's violence without glorifying it and letting the gunman explain himself without feeding supremacist hatred. He threads the needle brilliantly. His film becomes more than the sum of its parts: It's a celebration of multiculturalism. Shot like a documentary,



This image released by Netflix shows Isak Bakli Aglen, left, and Jonas Strand Gravli in a scene from "22 July," a docudrama about the 2011 Norway terrorist attack.

Associated Press

the first third of "22 July" lays out the horror of July 11, 2011, and the rest of the movie tracks how both a terribly wounded survivor, Viljar, (a stunning Jonas Strand Gravli) and a lawyer for the gunman (a superb Jon Oigarden) struggle in its aftermath.

Greengrass is known for

employing a shaky cam and rapid-fire editing and those techniques are perfectly suited for examining this real, frightening moment. His other films dealing with real events include "Captain Phillips," "Bloody Sunday" and "United 93?," and Greengrass leaned on Norwegian actors and the

book "One of Us" by Asne Seierstad to make "22 July." The writer-director shows real artistry in framing both the gunman (a frightening Anders Danielsen Lie) and his victims as opposites. The opening sequences show Breivik alone and silent, preparing his attack with icy precision. His soon-to-be

victims at a summer camp, meanwhile, are laughing, hugging and clumsily putting up tents. Later, Greengrass will highlight the gunman's fate — a closed cell in artificial light — while the survivors are outside in twilight, the camera spinning 360-degrees to show the glorious Norwegian snowy landscape.

On that fateful day, Breivik first set off a car bomb outside the government headquarters in Oslo, killing eight people and wounding dozens. He then drove to the island of Utoya, where he opened fire at a summer camp of the left-wing Labor Party's youth wing. Greengrass does not film these sequences moodily or evocatively. They are brutal and the fear is palpable. "Come out, you Marxists!" the gunman screams on his hunting spree. "I have started a war," he later announces. In the aftermath, we watch what Viljar goes through — multiple brain surgeries, a fake eye, relearning to walk. He wants to walk unassisted to the gunman's trial. □

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Steve Perry breaks long silence with 'Traces' album



This cover image released by Fantasy Records shows "Traces," the latest release by Steve Perry.

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By PABLO GORONDI

Steve Perry, "Traces" (Fantasy Records) Steve Perry has been away for quite a while but he's never really been gone. From the unforgettable use of "Don't Stop Believin'" on the last "The Sopranos" episode to the way his former band found a new, sound-

alike singer on the internet and, last year, Journey's induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Perry and his prolonged absence have been often on our minds.

"Traces" is Perry's first solo album since 1994 and, cliched as it may sound, it really is a very personal work with some songs that would have sounded out of place on a Journey record. Made in part to fulfill a promise to his partner who succumbed to breast cancer in 2012, "Traces" is dominated by ballads in many guises by someone whose quasi-operatic voice made him one of their most memorable interpreters. Launching with the first single, "No Erasin'," immediately injects "Traces" with nostalgia through an updated recreation of a teen-

age love with an unerringly precise opening line — "I know it's been a long time comin'." Perry has said the song was meant to evoke a high school reunion and — along with "We're Still Here" and "Sun Shines Gray" — it's the one that most resembles a Journey track. "In The Rain" is the album's tour de force but sans any bombast, one of Perry's most emotional vocals supported by a restrained piano-and-strings arrangement emphasizing its anguish: "You got me even though you're gone." On "Easy To Love," Perry's lead vocals have just a touch of Rod Stewart's gruffness while his backing vocals are satin smooth and George Harrison's "I Need You" is transformed into a heartfelt soul ballad. □

Why David Byrne started covering a Janelle Monae song

NEW YORK (AP) — After he burns down the house during his current concert tour, singer David Byrne ends each show on a serious note with a song that calls attention to minority victims of violence.

The Janelle Monae cover, "Hell You Talmbout," is a rhythmic chant that recalls people like Freddie Gray, Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner and Sharonda Singleton. Gray died after a rough ride in a Baltimore police van, Martin was the Florida teen shot by someone who thought he looked suspicious, Garner died after being put in a chokehold by New York police and Singleton was killed in the Charleston, South Carolina, church shooting.

The band's command: "Say his (or her) name."

It's a bold choice for a 66-year-old white man playing to venues filled with people of a similar age and background. The former Talking Heads frontman is getting some of the best reviews of his career for a strikingly innovative show where he's joined by a barefoot band that wears its instruments and is kept constantly on the move by whimsical choreography.



This combination photo shows David Byrne performing at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans on April 29, 2018, left, and Janelle Monae performing in Los Angeles on June 28, 2018.

Associated Press

Monae wrote "Hell You Talmbout" in 2015 and never officially released it, although video of her performing it circulated online. "Talmbout" is meant as a contraction of "talking about." Byrne said he saw a stream of it and loved it instantly.

"Here was a protest song that doesn't hector or preach at us," he said. "It simply asks us to remember and acknowledge these

lives that have been lost, lives that were taken from us through injustice, though the song leaves that for the listener to put together. I love a drum line, so that aspect of the song sucked me in immediately as well. The song musically is a celebration and lyrically a eulogy. Beautiful."

Byrne, whose penchant for unexpected cover choices has included Whitney Houston's "I Want to Dance with

Somebody," knew he wanted to perform it. He wrote to Monae, asking how she'd feel about an older, white guy taking it on.

"If she had said, 'hmmm, I dunno,' I would not have performed it," he said.

Monae, who's 32, gave her blessing.

"I was moved that he reached out and asked if he could include the song in his show," Monae told The Associated Press. "I

thought that was so kind of him and of course I said yes. The song's message and names mentioned need to be heard by every audience."

Byrne said he likes that it's not a finger-wagging song. "I'm not accusing my audience of anything by performing it," he said. "Other songs in the set allude to politics and injustice, but this one really says, 'We've entertained you, we are all having a great time, but there is this as well. Let's not forget the times we live in.'"

Byrne brings his show to a climax with Talking Heads' songs "Burning Down the House" and "The Great Curve," and the audience roars with approval. The reaction to "Talmbout" at a recent New York gig was notably quieter, although there was no audible hostility. Some audience members have seemed confused by it, particularly at overseas shows.

Before the song begins, he often thanks Monae for letting him perform it, and update it with additional names.

His one fear was that people would see the song as anti-police, but Byrne said he hasn't seen that. □

Eric Idle on Monty Python, life's brighter side

By **MICHAEL HILL**
Associated Press

"Always Look on the Bright Side of Life: A Sortabiography" (Crown Archetype), by Eric Idle

Eric Idle has been funny for a very long time.

He gained fame almost 50 years ago playing pompous TV hosts and leering idiots as a member of the Monty Python comedy troupe. While the original BBC TV show ran for only four seasons, it spawned a bunch of live shows and several movies, including "Life of Brian," which ended with Idle on a crucifix singing "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life."

He reprised the tune at the 2012 London Olympics and featured it in his Broadway

hit "Spamalot."

There are a few laughs in this book, billed as a "sortabiography," but it mostly reads like a casual memoir of someone who still can't quite believe his good fortune.

Idle is one of those funny people who had a miserable childhood. His father survived World War II in the Royal Air Force only to die in a traffic accident as he was coming home for Christmas in 1945. The boy was eventually packed off by his overwhelmed mother to an orphanage, or "Ophny" as residents called it.

He made it into Cambridge University and — more significantly — into its performing Footlights club, which

was a springboard to British stage and TV shows.

In 1969, the BBC rounded up some other bright young performers for a sketch show so undefined it didn't even have a name. Idle, John Cleese, Michael Palin, Graham Chapman, Terry Jones and Terry Gilliam toyed with names like "Toad Elevating Moment" and "Whither Canada?" before settling on "Monty Python's Flying Circus."

"We didn't know what we were doing and insisted on doing it," Idle writes. The show — a mix of absurdity, whimsy and high-brow humor — had evolved from British comedy before it, but it was a revelation when it crossed to the United States. Readers looking for first-

hand insights into the inner workings of that landmark show will be disappointed. They might even wonder if some of the book's pages stuck together, since Idle barely touches on how the group of outsized personalities managed to create so much lasting comedy.

A lot of the book is consumed with the many famous and fabulous people he hung out with, among them George Harrison and David Bowie. And a lot of pages are devoted to recounting his high-profile performances of "Bright Side." It gets repetitious.

But Idle can be insightful. His chapter about his relationship with the late comedian Robin Williams is especially poignant. But



This cover image released by Crown Archetype shows "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life: A Sortabiography," by Eric Idle.

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the chapter highlights how the book is most interesting when Idle writes about what he noticed instead of listing what he did. □

Working past 65? It's easier to do if you graduated college

By **STAN CHOE**

SARAH SKIDMORE SELL

NEW YORK (AP) — Close to one in five Americans who's 65 or older is still working, the highest percentage in more than half a century. And the one who's still working may be better off. As more and more Americans delay retirement, it's those with a college degree that find it easiest to keep working past 65. Their less-educated peers, meanwhile, are having a more difficult time staying in the workforce.

It's a crucial distinction because financial experts say both groups would benefit from working an extra year or more to improve their retirement security. By staying on the job, older Americans can build up their savings, which in too many cases are inadequate. Plus, they can allow bigger Social Security benefits to accrue. Besides, many older Americans like the idea of staying engaged by working.

Less-educated Americans, though, aren't always able to follow this path, even though they tend to have less in retirement savings. Instead, many are forced to retire before their mid-60s because of poor health, the inability to do jobs that require a lot of physical activity or other reasons.

"If less-educated people were retiring early and comfortable in their retirement years, good for them, but we know they aren't," said Matt Rutledge, research economist at the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. There is a widening gap in retirement ages between college and high-school graduates, Rutledge says, one that is most apparent when looking at the average age of retirement for men. The increasing number of women in the workforce in recent decades can skew the overall figures.

Men with college degrees are retiring at an average age of 65.7, according to Rutledge's calculations based on government data. That's nearly three years later than men with



In this Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018, photo Gerry Goldsholle poses for a photo by a harbor outside his office in Sausalito, Calif.

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only high-school degrees, who are retiring at an average age of 62.8.

In the late 1970s, though, the two groups were retiring at nearly the same age: 64.6 for college graduates and 64.1 for high-school graduates.

"We see people intending to work a whole lot longer, but the problem is that for the most part, it's a lot easier for the college graduates to fulfill that plan," Rutledge said.

This divide between highly- and less-educated Americans begins long before

the golden years. Starting from their 20s, college graduates are more likely to have jobs and to make more money than their less-educated peers. Last year, for example, the typical college graduate earned nearly two-thirds more than the typical high-school graduate, among all workers aged 25 and above.

That's driving a split in retirement savings: The typical households run by someone with a college degree has \$116,900 in a retirement account, more than triple the \$36,000 median for

households run by someone with only a high-school diploma.

WHAT'S DRIVING THE RETIREMENT DIVIDE

Health is a big factor in deciding when to retire, Rutledge said. A stroke, heart attack or depression could knock anyone into an earlier-than-expected retirement, but less-educated Americans tend to have worse health as a group than their higher-educated peers.

Less-educated Americans also are more likely to be in physically demanding jobs, which are tougher to keep as age increases.

Among men aged 50 and over, for example, 61 percent of workers without a college degree have to move heavy loads (or people) as a regular part of their job. That's more than double the 23 percent rate of their college-graduate peers, according to researchers at Harvard University, RAND Corp. and the University of California, Los Angeles. Lower-educated workers also are much more likely to have jobs that require them to stand all the time, do repetitive hand movements or be in tiring or painful positions.

"It's much easier to work sitting down at a computer at 65 than in a warehouse," said Craig Copeland, senior research associate

with the Employee Benefit Research Institute.

The federal government said on Friday that 19.2 percent of everyone aged 65 and over was employed, as of September. That's tied for the highest rate since 1962, and it's nearly double the level of the mid 1980s.

WHY KEEP WORKING

Incentives are aligned for people to keep working, even past their mid-60s.

When clients at wealth adviser Brouwer & Janachowski come to CEO Stephen Janachowski, he shows them how much in spending money they'll have each year in retirement, if they retire at 62. But then he shows how much larger that number would be if they wait until 67, as much as 50 percent higher in some cases.

"We're not even trying to talk them into it," he said. "It's more giving them options. Do you want to be able to take more trips, spend more time with your family, and is it worth it to you to work longer and have more of those things?" Consider someone who turns 66 this year and would get \$1,000 monthly as their Social Security benefit. If that person had retired at 62, their monthly benefit would have been only \$750. And for each year they delay getting benefits past 66, the size of that benefit will grow by 8 percent, until they reach age 70.

A BUSY SET OF GOLDEN YEARS

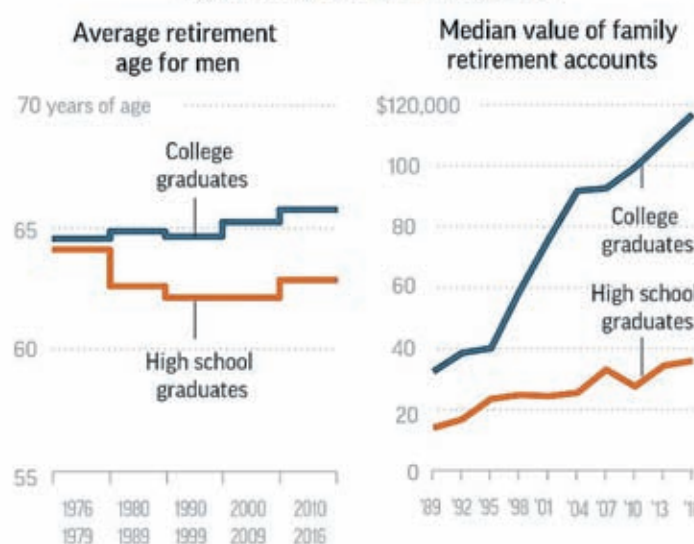
Gerry Goldsholle just celebrated his 78th birthday, and he's still working. He has degrees from William and Mary and Columbia University, and after a roughly two-decade career with MetLife, he took an early-retirement offer when he was 50 years old.

His first wife had recently died, and he was ready for a big change. But after just three months of retirement, he was bored. "I missed the action and working with smart people," he said.

He started doing consulting work after people from his days with MetLife reached out to him for help with projects. □

Poorer earners retire earlier at a cost

American men without college degrees are retiring earlier than they were thirty years ago. Men with the advanced degrees are increasingly retiring later and saving more.



SOURCES: Matt Rutledge, Center for Retirement Research at Boston College; U.S. Census Bureau; Federal Reserve.

The divide between highly- and less-educated Americans begins long before the golden years.

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